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June 30, 2021

Bay Center Mariculture Co.  
Attn: Richard L. Wilson  
PO Box 356  
Bay Center, WA 98527

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701180**,  
Bay Center Mariculture Co. dba Bay Center Farms, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Richard L. Wilson:

On March 11, 2021, the Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

This determination is for the proposed project to continue farming 453 acres of privately owned or leased tidelands in Willapa Bay. Specifically this proposal consists of 423 acres of tidelands currently used for the cultivation of Pacific Oyster, Manilia clams and cockles. The number of acres in production varies depending on crop rotations, production needs and has decreased due to burrowing shrimp population infestations. These tidelands have been actively farmed by Bay Center Mariculture using traditional bottom culture methods for over 40 years and were in production under previous company ownership. Planting new oysters involves scattering the ten or so new small oysters attached to an older oyster shell (cultch) on the area being seeded. This usually amounts to around ten or so cultch pieces per square meter. After two to four years of growth on the seed bed harvest involves either hand picking or mechanical harvest. Clam grounds are harvested by hand during low tide on a 2-4 year rotation depending on growth. Clam ground may be enhanced for larval recruitment by sprinkling crushed oysters shell pieces for the clam larvae to attach.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel numbers 79001000036, 79001000037, 79001000038, 79001000179, 79001000351, 79001000059, 79001000066, 79001000067, 79001000069, 79001000073, 79001000182, 79001000268 DNR 20-A12781, 79001000071, 79001000077, 79001000078, 79001000079, 79001000083, 79001000084, 79001000085, 79001000086, 79001000089, 79001000090, 79001000091, 79001000093, 79001000094, 79001000095, 79001000096, 79001000233, 79001000111, 79001000112, 79001000113, 79001000125, 79001000128, 79001000133, 79001000134, 79001000174, 79001000210, 79001000333, TL 131008 423 A, DNR lease 13100920-A12782, near Bay Center, Pacific County, Washington; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Bay Center Mariculture Company's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Marco Pinchot at [marco.pinchot@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:marco.pinchot@ecy.wa.gov).

#### **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

#### **ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION**

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<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Sincerely,



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