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July 21, 2021

Taylor Shellfish Farms
Attn: Erin Ewald
130 SE Lynch Road
Shelton, WA 98584

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201001237**
Sullivan Lease, Shelton, Mason County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On July 13, 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 site is located within Totten Inlet of Puget Sound on tidelands associated with 1041 SE Somers Drive, Shelton, Mason County, Washington, 98584; Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 2 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy - Goldsborough Watershed.

The project proposes to install a commercial geoduck farm on up to two acres on the site known as the "Sullivan Lease". Project activities include the rotational planting of geoduck shellfish between the tidal range of+ 2.5 to -4.5 feet mean lower low water (MLLW). The geoducks would be seeded by hand by placing three to four seed into each 6-inch diameter by 8-12-inch-long PVC tube, which is installed into the substrate. The tubes would be positioned approximately one and a half feet apart. A one-inch mesh canopy net will be secured over the tube fields with re bar hooks for predator exclusion. Planting would occur between April and November. After one to two years, the tubes would be removed by hand and removed from the project site by barge. The canopy nets would be returned over the beds after tube removal for up to another six months. After final canopy net removal, the clams will grow for another two to three years until they reach a harvest size of about 1.5 to 2 lbs.

The first harvest will take place approximately four to seven years after planting. Harvest will occur by hand at low tide using a high volume, low pressure water hose (at approximately 40 psi) injected directly into the sediment adjacent to the geoduck siphon. This procedure loosens the sediment around the geoduck and allows it to be removed by hand. Pumps for the hoses are run by a small internal combustion engine and are typically located in a small boat just offshore of the harvest site. Access to the planting area will be by boat; no upland access is proposed.

This project is located on private tidelands within Totten Inlet on parcel 220315000084, in Shelton, Washington in Mason County.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Jennifer Riedmayer at jennifer.riedmayer@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.

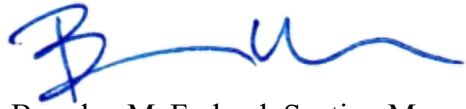
You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

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Sincerely,



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