

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 2, 2021

Heckes Clams Inc. Attn: John Heckes PO Box 1657 Ocean Park, WA 98640

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. 201700818, Oyster Beds E-181 and E-184, Pacific County, Washington

Dear John Heckes:

On July 7, 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 proposed project to continue farming Pacific Oysters on two parcels in Willapa Bay. The maximum area that would be used for on bottom oyster cultivation at one time is 20 acres (10 acres on each oyster bed). Oysters may naturally set on the bed or may be seeded by hand or from a vessel using a sluicing technique. Shell may be spread for catching naturally recruiting larvae. Oysters may be transplanted during grow-out to fattening beds. Oyster beds may be harrowed during grow-out to move the oysters back to the sediment surface. Oysters are harvested by dredge basket at high tide when they reach market size, after 3 or 4 years.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel numbers 79005000184 and 79005000181, adjacent to 28107 Sandridge Road, Nahcotta, Pacific County, Washington; Section 35, Township 13 North, Range 11 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Heckes Clams' 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.

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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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Department of Ecology	Department of Ecology
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Pollution Control Hearings Board	Pollution Control Hearings Board
1111 Israel RD SW, STE 301	PO Box 40903
Tumwater, WA 98501	Olympia, WA 98504-0903

ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Sincerely,

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