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August 19, 2021

Pacific Shellfish, Grays Harbor LLC  
Attn: Tim Morris  
1200 Robert Bush Drive  
South Bend, WA 98586

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200901338**,  
Sherwood Lease, Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Tim Morris:

On March 9, 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 existing operations on 30 acres between +1.0 foot (ft.) and -3.0 ft. Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevations. Access to tidelands is by boat from nearest public boat launch off North Wilson Avenue.

The company is currently growing Pacific Oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) in one (1) way at this location.

(1) Oysters are grown on the ground using standard industry practices. The seed oysters are dispersed by boat at high tide and are harvested at high tide by boat or at low tide into tubs which are pulled at high tide by boat.

Bed Prep: Oysters are harvested or transplanted from the bed using harvest methods outlined below. No more than 1" of shell or gravel will be placed annually, as needed, if the substrate is enhanced for the purpose of oyster cultivation. Onsite inspections by farm management will be performed prior for any bed cleanup prior to planting.

Planting: The oysters are planted via a boat or scow at high tide.

Maintenance: Beds are harrowed periodically depending on the substrate conditions that are most often influenced by sediment deposition or burrowing shrimp densities.

Harvest: Oysters are harvested by hand at low tide or using mechanical harvest method (not hydraulic harvester). The crop cycle is 2-3 years depending on site specific conditions. Harvest will occur year-round.

The project site is located on tidelands within Grays Harbor, on parcel number C2000B09831 near Westport, Grays Harbor County, Washington; Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 11 West; WRIA 22, Lower Chehalis Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Pacific Shellfish, Grays Harbor LLC'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><br>Attn: Appeals Processing Desk<br>300 Desmond Drive SE<br>Lacey, WA 98503 | <b>Department of Ecology</b><br>Attn: Appeals Processing Desk<br>PO Box 47608<br>Olympia, WA 98504-7608 |
| <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b><br>1111 Israel RD SW, STE 301<br>Tumwater, WA 98501              | <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b><br>PO Box 40903<br>Olympia, WA 98504-0903                       |

Sincerely,



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