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September 29, 2021

Gustave Wiegardt Jr. and Northern Oyster Co. Clams
Attn: Gustave A. Wiegardt Jr.
PO Box 305
Ocean Park, WA 98640

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201200581**,
Gustave Wiegardt Jr. and Northern Oyster Co. Clams, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Gustave A. Wiegardt Jr:

On September 14, 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 Manila Clams and some Pacific Oysters on 16.63 acres of previously permitted, privately owned tidelands using traditional ground culture methods including seeding and harvesting by hand, between +1.5 and +3.0 feet (MLLW). The applicant will apply up to 50 cubic yards of washed gravel annually to maintain up to a 1-inch thick layer of gravel on the substrate (frosting). Approximately 5 acres are frosted per year. Clam nets will not be deployed. Clam ground may be enhanced for larval recruitment by sprinkling crushed oyster shell pieces for clam larvae to attach. Sites are accessed by boat or from shore. Clams are harvested by hand during low tides on a 2 to 4 year rotation depending on size, growth, density, natural recruitment, and mortality. Any oysters grown will be by traditional ground culture methods and will be harvested by hand.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel numbers 12111055540 and 79005000249, adjacent to 31920 Sandridge Road, Oysterville, WA 98641, Pacific County, Washington; Section 10 and 15, Township 12 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 Gustave Wiegardt Jr. and Northern Oyster Co. 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.

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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| Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 | Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608 |
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Sincerely,



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