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December 9, 2021

Station House Oyster Company  
Attn: James J. Kemmer  
450 Chinook Valley Rd.  
Chinook, WA 98614

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202100854**,  
Station House Oyster Company Project 4, Pacific County, Washington

Dear James J. Kemmer:

On October 1, 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 shellfish aquaculture and harvest activities in Willapa Bay. This location has been cultivated for over 10 years under permits NWS-2007-1508 and NWS-2007-1510. The purpose of this project is to continue commercial culture of Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) in existing farm areas for sale for human consumption. This area includes 2 individual parcels for a total of 164.8 acres, all of which is actively used for culture. The shellfish growing areas lie at +1.0 feet mean lower low water (MLLW).

#### PACIFIC OYSTER CULTURE – SEED BEDS

Pacific oysters are grown directly on the beach substrate. Prior to planting, shellfish beds will be prepared by removing debris by hand. Seeding will occur by using oyster cultch – setting out and securing bags of washed, aged oyster shell to collect natural set on-site. These sites will also be seeded with hatchery oyster seed. Oysters are put on the seed bed as small seed and left to grow for 2 years. The seed beds are used on a rotational basis. This area (164.8 acres) is hand-picked. When putting out seed, dense native eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) areas are avoided to the extent practical. During hand harvest, workers use hand tools or hand-pick oysters and place them into various sized containers placed on the bed. Larger containers may be equipped with ropes and buoys that can be lifted with a boom crane onto the deck of a barge at high tide. Smaller containers are placed or dumped on decks of scows for retrieval at high tide or are carried off the beach at low tide.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel number Parcel #79003000029 (OB-C029) and Parcel #79003000021 (OB-C021), near Nemah, Pacific County, Washington; Section 16 and 17, Township 12 North, Range 10 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination 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

#### **Filing an appeal with the PCHB:**

**Mailing Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
PO Box 40903  
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

**Street Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
1111 Israel RD SW  
STE 301  
Tumwater, WA 98501

#### **Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:**

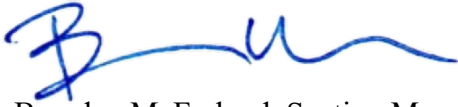
**Mailing Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

**Street Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
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Sincerely,



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