



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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May 4, 2022

Schreiber Shellfish Inc.
Attn: Vicki Schreiber
PO Box 754
Shelton, WA 98584

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701323**,
Schreiber Shellfish North Shore Property, Mason County, Washington

Dear Vicki Schreiber:

On March 25, 2022, 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 proposal to continue to cultivate 3.5 acres of Pacific oysters and Manila clams on private tidelands. Ground culture of oysters occurs on 1.0 acre between -2.0ft and +1.0ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW), while 0.5 acres of oysters are cultivated between -4.0ft and -2.0ft MLLW using bag-on-bottom and rack-and-bag methods. Manila clams are cultivated on 2.0 acres between +1.0ft and +7.0ft MLWW. Naturally occurring manila clams will also be harvested. There is no eelgrass present at the site.

Juvenile clam seed will be dispersed onto the intertidal sediment once every couple of years. The subsequent adults, along with any naturally occurring Manila clams, will be harvested by hand and placed in plastic mesh bags, which are carried by hand to the boat for removal. Graveling occurs once every 5 years, with a maximum of 100 cubic yards of washed pea gravel added to ensure stable sediments for shellfish cultivation. Gravel added will not exceed 1 inch in depth.

Oysters are cultivated either through ground culture, bag-on-bottom, or rack-and-bag methods. In ground culture, oyster seed will be dispersed onto the intertidal sediment and allowed to grow until they are harvested by hand. In the bag-on-bottom culture, or pillow bag culture, oyster seed are placed into a black plastic mesh bag (approx. ¼ mesh) which are then secured by wires to ropes already laid on the beach. Ropes are secured to metal fence posts already on beach. When the oysters are ready to be harvested, the bags are untied from the rope, and oysters are un-bagged onto the beach. Oysters are

hand counted and loaded onto the boat, along with the used mesh bags. In rack-and-bag culture, oyster seed is placed into mesh bags and attached to rope by wire. This rope is attached to T posts approximately 1 1/2" wide by 5ft long driven into sediment with 2ft exposed and approximately 50ft between posts. When the subsequent adults are ready for harvest, the bags are untied from the rope by hand and oysters are dumped onto the beach and are counted by hand. Product is then bagged and loaded onto the boat, along with the used mesh bags, to the applicant's upland shop in Shelton, WA.

The project site is located on tidelands within Hammersley Inlet, on parcel numbers 32023-23-90010, 32023-23-80560, and 32023-23-90000, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 23, Township 20 North, Range 3 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy-Goldsborough Watershed.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at teressa.pucylowski@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
Lacey, WA 98503

Sincerely,



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