

USACE Permit Notification

Reference Number: NWS- 2021-0737-

Greetings

5/4/2022

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received a permit application for the following actions:

The proposed project is to permit a currently unpermitted commercial shellfish aquaculture operation that includes cultivating Pacific oyster. The proposed farm site is located on parcel 220044100080 in Pickering Passage. All farming activities would occur on privately-owned tideland within an area defined by +2.0' Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevation and the outer boundary at approximately 0.0' MLLW tidal elevation. Access to the tidelands is by upland. The total parcel area is 2.00 acres. Only 0.61 acre of the parcel will be in cultivation for Pacific oyster, as shown in the drawings. Work entails the following elements:

Pacific oysters would be cultivated between +2.0 feet and 0.0 feet MLLW tidal elevations. Oyster bag culture entails growing oysters within plastic bags or other containers. All seeding is done by hand. Bags would be secured directly to the substrate bottom or in a tumble/flip bag system. Single set seed or oyster cultch is placed in reusable plastic net bags closed with plastic ties or galvanized metal rings. Bags would be attached to the racks, stakes, or lines using plastic ties. Installation would occur during low tide. Oyster tumbling involves attaching a buoy and securing the bags to a horizontal crossbeam nylon line and held in place by rebar stakes or similar 3-inch posts driven into the substrate. The oyster-filled bags pivot on the crossbeam and float with the tide. Bags may be turned routinely to control fouling organisms. Oysters may be periodically redistributed between bags to reduce densities and placed in progressively larger mesh size bags as they grow. Oysters would be harvested at low tide by removing the bags from their supports and transferring to shore without the use of a boat or vehicle. Biofouling is common on the bags with barnacles being the primary fouling organism. To remove barnacles, the bags may be placed in upland areas where they would be allowed to dry.

Lead Agency-if not USACE:

☐ EPA/CERCLA

Name of Applicant: S & B Shellfish Company

Type of Permit: ☐ Section 404 ☒ Section 10

☐ Nationwide

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☐ Regional General

☒ Letter of Permission

☐ Individual

Location In Pickering Passage at/near Shelton

Mason Co., Washington

Proj Latitude: 47.251049 Longitude: -122.927438

Township: 20 Range: 2 W Section: 3

Endangered Species Act, Section 7:

The Corps is assessing potential impacts to listed and proposed species and their critical habitat in the project area and will consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if required.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):

The Corps is assessing potential impacts to EFH. If we determine that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH, we will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS.

Fisheries:

The Corps is assessing potential impacts to usual and accustomed fishing practices, tribal fisheries, and fisheries habitat in the project area.

Coastal Zone Management Area (CZMA):

It is unknown if a Certification Consistency decision for the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM Consistency) is required. This notification is a request to Ecology to inquire if CZM Consistency is required for this project.

Cultural/Historic Resources:

The Corps is reviewing this permit and will assess potential impacts to historic properties. We are requesting your comments and would like to know if you have any knowledge or concerns regarding historic properties, including sites of religious and cultural significance that would be potentially affected by the permitted activity.

Water Quality Certification (WQC):

It is unknown if a Water Quality Certification (WQC) is required. This notification is a request to the Certifying Authority to inquire if WQC is required for this project.

Response Deadline:

Please note, we will assume that you have no comments and no objections to the permit application if we do not receive a response to this notification within 7 calendar days.

You may also request an extension of 10 calendar days if you intend to provide substantive, site-specific comments, but the request must be submitted within the comment period listed above. If notified of the time extension request, we will wait until the close of the time extension period before making a permit decision. We will fully consider all comments received.

Attached is a set of project drawings. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Rogers
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Location:

80 E Pickering Lane, Shelton, WA 98584

Parcel 220044100080

Proposed Project:

Shellfish Farm

Applicant:

S & B Shellfish Company

Property Owners:

Waite, Cindy

Adjacent Property Owners:

1. Timberlake Comm. Club 220041460140

2. Hauge Trste, Carl & Carol 220044100050

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SW: 47.250382 / -122.927237

NE: 47.25114 / -122.927229

SE: 47.25039 / -122.926744

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In: Pickering Passage

At: Shelton

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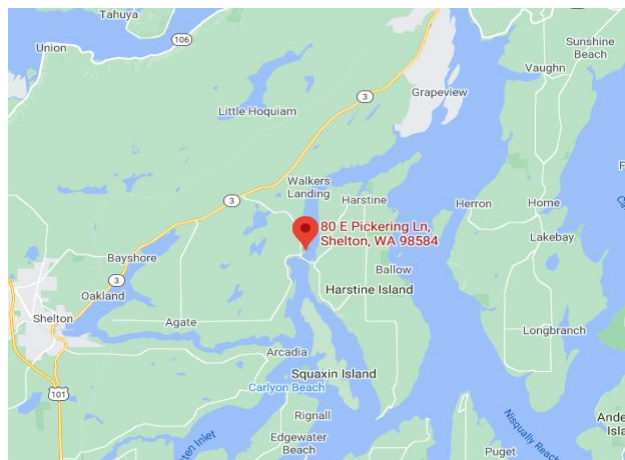
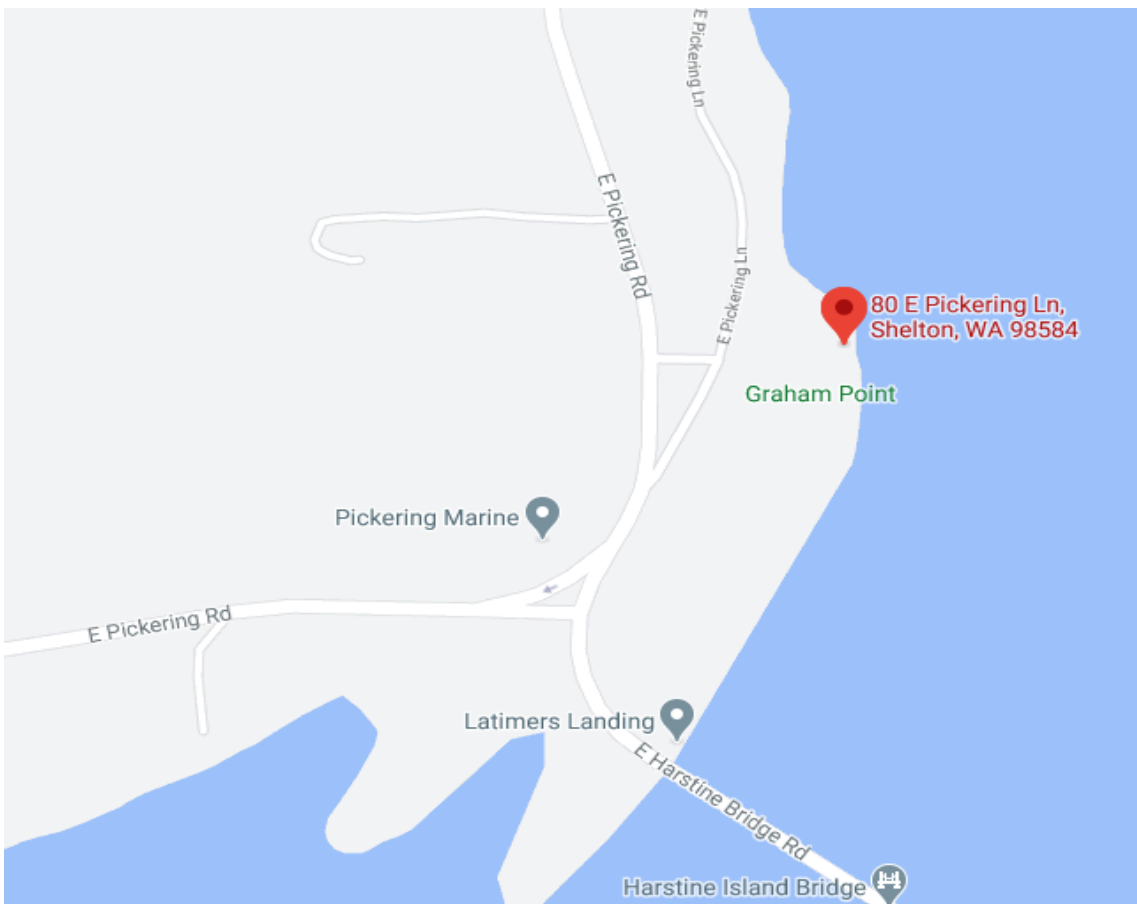
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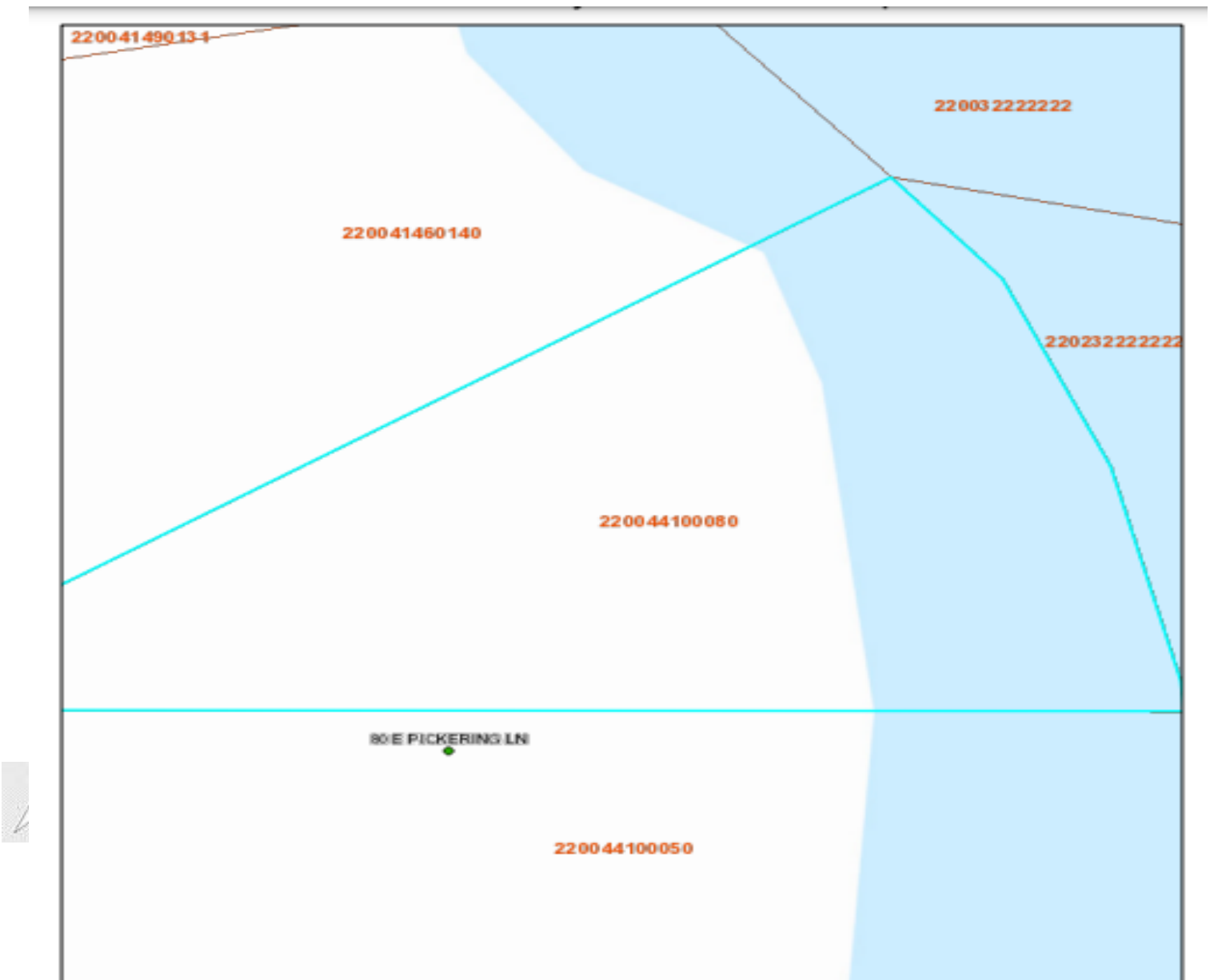
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Parcel Map



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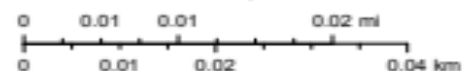
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County Boundary



Site Address (Zoom in to 1:5,000)



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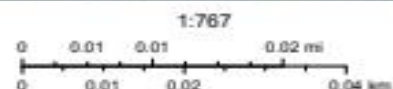
Plan View

Mason County WA GIS Web Map



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- ☐ County Boundary
- ☒ Site Address (Zoom in to 1:5,000)
- ☐ Tax Parcels (Zoom in to 1:30,000)



Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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Cross Section View

