



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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May 20, 2022

Little Skookum Shellfish Growers, Inc.  
Attn: Lisa Bishop  
PO Box 1157  
Shelton, WA 98584-0940

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202001203**,  
Little Skookum Shellfish Growers, Mason County, Washington

Dear Lisa Bishop:

On February 22, 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 proposed project to continue to commercially cultivate shellfish on 71-acres of privately owned tideland between +7.0 Feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) and -4.0 feet MLLW. The applicant has used the project area for shellfish cultivation since 1883. Little Skookum Shellfish Growers currently cultivates pacific littleneck clams (*Leukoma staminea*), manila clams (*Venerupis philippinarum*), butter clams (*Saxidomus gigantea*), Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*), Kumamoto oysters (*Crassostrea sikamea*), European flat oysters (*Ostrea edulis*), and Olympia oysters (*Ostrea lurida*).

Hatchery produced oyster seed is grown in a floating upweller system (FLUPSY) for up to three months. Oysters are subsequently grown directly on the substrate or in mesh oyster grow bags. Oysters are harvested by hand. No dredge harvest will occur.

Hatchery produced manila clam seed is grown in a FLUPSY until six months of age and then spread directly onto beach substrate and covered with area nets for two to three months to prevent predation. Natural set manila clams, pacific littleneck clams and butter clams will also be harvested by hand. Clams are harvested by hand using rakes. Up to 400 cubic yards of a blend of 7/8" and 3/8" washed gravel will be applied to an area of 28.5 acres (+5 feet MLLW and lower) to improve the substrate for clam and oyster cultivation. Gravel is applied using a barge at high tide and dispersed onto the tidelands to a depth no greater than one inch.

The project site is located on tidelands within Little Skookum Inlet, on parcel numbers 319101170220, 319101180011, 319101280150, 319101280152, 319101280521, 319102170310, 319102180000, 319102270010, 319102380320, 319090073380, 319090083810, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 9, 10, 11, 16, Township 19 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 Little Skookum Shellfish Grower'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 [tpuc461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tpuc461@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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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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