



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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July 1, 2022

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

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202101068**,
Windy Point, Reed and Carls Areas, Mason County, Washington

Dear Lisa Bishop:

On April 8, 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 commercially cultivate shellfish on 0.81 acres of privately owned tideland between +7.0 Feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) and -0.0 feet MLLW. Little Skookum Shellfish Growers farms 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 geoduck (*Panopea generosa*) within the cultivation area.

Oyster would be grown both as singles on the beach and a rack and bag system. The racks used to secure the bags would not be higher than three feet above the substrate. Oyster bags would be 2-feet by 3-feet in size. Oysters would be harvested at nine months, manually by hand at low tide, and carried to marine vessel for removal.

Clam seed would be spread directly onto beach substrate and covered with area nets to prevent predation. Individual 20'x 50' anti-predator nets secured with bent rebar would be spread over juvenile clams for 2-3 months as needed. The grow-out period for clams would be 18 months to two years. Harvest would take place manually by hand at low tide, at nine months, using rakes to loosen the sediment for collection and carried to marine vessel for removal.

Geoduck would be grown within flexible mesh tubes, which protect juvenile geoducks for up to 2 years of age, and then tubes would be removed from the beach. The tubes measure 8-12 inches long by 4-6 inches wide, are spaced one foot apart, and protrude 2-4 inches above the beach. An average of three geoduck (or seed) would be planted in each tube. After seed planting, the opening of each individual tube would be closed with write-on zip ties. Mesh tubes and netting would be removed after two years of individual geoduck age. Hand harvest would occur at 5 to 7 years of age.

Up to 15 cubic yards of a blend of 7/8" and 3/8" washed gravel may be applied annually as needed to the cultivation area (+5 feet MLLW and lower) to improve the substrate for oyster and clam cultivation. Gravel would be placed using a barge at high tide and dispersed onto the tidelands to a depth no greater than one inch. Access to the site would be by marine vessel with no upland access.

The project site is located on tidelands within Totten Inlet, on parcel numbers 220325000030, 220325000913, 220325000914, 220325000916, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 32, Township 28 North, Range 2 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 Growers 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.

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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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