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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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March 1, 2023

GR Clam & Oyster Farm
Attn: Glen Rau
PO Box 1011
Shelton, WA 98584

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202100819**,
GR Clam & Oyster Farm, Mason County, Washington

Dear Glen Rau:

On December 7, 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 after-the-fact permitting for a 2.9-acre existing shellfish farm within an 11-acre project area. Manila clams are cultivated between +9.0ft and -4.0ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). There is no eelgrass present within the project area. Access to the project area occurs by boat and by foot from the upland. This farm has been in existence for several decades.

Manila clams are cultivated using on-bottom culture and are seeded by hand. From mid-May to mid-September, Manila clam seeds would be placed on a thin layer of sand on wooden seed floats (moored on parcel 31910-12-80153). The seeds would remain on the floats for approximately two months, then be removed from the float and placed by hand on the intertidal sediment. Approximately three years after seeding, the clams would be harvested by hand with rakes and placed into mesh bags which would be removed from the site via boat.

Graveling occurs some years on the 2.9-acre cultivated portion of the project area, in which gravel is spread to a depth of up to one inch. Each spring, a scow and metal frame with chains may be pulled across the high and low dike (berms) portion of the site by two boats to dislodge fine sediments that accumulated from winter runoff. The dikes (berms) were constructed in the 1920's or earlier and are not maintained. In the summer or as needed, 1- to 4-inch-deep swales (ditches) draining tide flats and adjacent shoreline areas are re-established with hand rakes to prevent fresh and brackish water accumulating in tideland depressions. Also, during the summer, accumulated rapidly growing seaweed algae is gathered from clam beds, placed on

scows for transport, and discharged on uncultivable portions of the site shown on the drawings. Annually and as needed, about 0.5 acres of accumulated mostly dead oyster shell is removed from reef bars that outgoing tidal currents deposit on a portion of tax parcel 31910-12-80150. The material is excavated by hand with shovels, placed on scows, and discharged on uncultivated portions (about 1.25 acres) of the project area.

The project site is located on tidelands within Little Skookum Inlet, on parcel numbers 31910-12-80150, 31910-11-80010, 31910-12-80522, and 31910-12-80153, adjacent to 270 SE Nelson Road, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 10, 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 GR Clam & Oyster Farm'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. The appeal process is governed RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). More information is available at <https://elaho.wa.gov/content/11>.

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see filing options below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this Order on the Department of 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 RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08.

Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit:
<https://eluho.wa.gov/content/11>

Filing by mail

Mailing Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board
PO Box 40903
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Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)

Street Address:

Pollution Control Hearings Board
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Tumwater, WA 98501

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E-mail Address:

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Serving a copy of the appeal on Ecology:

Electronic copies of appeals are not accepted at the Department of Ecology per WAC 371-08-305(10).

Filing by mail

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Sincerely,



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