



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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April 6, 2023

Chelsea Farms  
Attn: Kyle Lentz  
6438 Young Road  
Olympia, WA 98502

Re: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202000606**,  
12 Chelsea Farms Harstine – Expansion, Mason County, Washington

Dear Kyle Lentz:

On March 6, 2023, 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 expand commercial cultivation of up to 0.41 additional acres of geoduck clams between +2-ft Mean Lower Low Water and -4.5 ft tidal elevations within a 1.88-acre project area on privately owned tidelands within Case Inlet of South Puget Sound. Access occurs by boat.

Geoduck cultivation entails placing the geoduck seed within PVC anti-predator tubes (4-inch diameter by 10-inch length) at a density of one tube per square foot on the tidelands. Each tube will have a mesh cap secured with a rubber band resistant to UV light and salt water. The area will then be covered with netting composed of 40 ft. by 40 ft. squares (3-inch or smaller stretched mesh). The netting will be secured to the sand with 24-inch u-shaped rebar, spaced every 5 feet around the perimeter. Geoduck seed planting may occur at low tide in the “dry” or at high tide in the “wet.”

Between 6-12 months after planting, the caps and bands will be removed from the tubes; at 18-24 months, the tubes and netting will be removed from the site. The geoducks will be harvested at about 5-7 years using low-pressure water pumps with a “stinger/wand” with nozzle pressure to liquefy/loosen the sediment so that the geoducks can be removed by hand. Harvest will occur at low tide, or by divers at high tide.

No farming activities occur in the mid- or upper intertidal area, above +2.0 ft tidal elevation. All work activities are done by hand, access is typically by boat or by a privately owned boat ramp,

no motorized machinery operates on the beach beyond the boat ramp, no refueling of engines or motors occurs on the beach, no equipment is stored on site, no rooted aquatic vegetation or benthic organisms are removed from the site, no fill or grading occurs at the site, no chemical or environmental contaminants are used, there is no redirection of beach seepage or seasonal upland runoffs, and farming activities create no substantial interference with normal public use of the surface waters.

The project site is located on tidelands within Case Inlet, on parcel number 220121490070, adjacent to 1142 E Ballow Road, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 12, Township 20 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 Chelsea Farms LLC'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](mailto: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://eluh0.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://elaho.wa.gov/content/11>

**Filing by mail**

**Mailing Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
PO Box 40903  
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

**Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)**

**Street Address:**

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
1111 Israel RD SW, STE 301  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**Filing Electronically**

**E-mail Address:**

Pchb-shbappeals@elaho.wa.gov

**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**

**Mailing Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

**Filing in person (or by certified mail/courier)**

**Street Address:**

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
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Sincerely,

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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program



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