



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 17, 2024

Heckes Clams Inc.
Attn: John Heckes
PO Box 131
Chinook, WA 98614

Re: Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 21012

Dear John Heckes:

For the reasons stated below, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) hereby terminates Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 21012, pursuant to RCW 90.48.120.

Project Background

Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order No. 21012 for Heckes Shellfish Aquaculture within Samish Bay in Skagit County, was issued on February 25, 2022 for aquaculture activities.

Ecology is terminating the WQC Order because the project is certified under another WQC Order.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this action to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. 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 letter:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this letter 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.

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- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this letter on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Filing an appeal

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

Service on Ecology

Street Addresses:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Mailing Addresses:

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

E-Mail Address:

ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

If you have questions, please contact Brook Swensen at 564-999-1749 or brook.swensen@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Loree' Randall, Section Manager
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Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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