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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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April 19, 2024

Chelsea Farms
ATTN: Kyle Lentz
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Chelsea Farms Dickson Farm (Corps No. NWS 2023-0926), Totten Inlet, Shelton, Mason County, Washington

Dear Kyle Lentz:

On December 26, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Chelsea Farm's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

This project proposes to continue to commercially cultivate up to 1.3 acres of geoduck clams between -2-ft and -4.5 ft Mean Lower Low Water tidal elevations within a 2.82-acre project area on privately owned tidelands. There is no eelgrass present within the project area. Access is 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.

The project site is located on tidelands within Totten Inlet, on parcel numbers 22031-50-00020, 22031-50-00021, and 22031-50-00022, adjacent to 621 Totten Shore Drive, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 2 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy-Goldsborough Watershed.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at (360) 764-0546.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision 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 decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information 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 decision 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.

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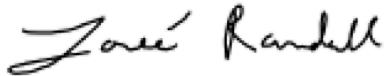
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Sincerely,



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