



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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April 30, 2024

Heckes Clams Company Inc.  
Attn: John Heckes  
PO Box 1657  
Ocean Park, WA 98640

Re: Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 20845

Dear John Heckes:

For the reasons stated below, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) hereby terminates Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 20845, pursuant to RCW 90.48.120.

### **Project Background**

Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order No. 20845 for Heckes Bundle 3 - E-Group in Pacific County, was issued on December 28, 2021 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.

- 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:

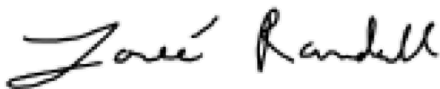
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Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

#### E-Mail Address:

[ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov)

If you have questions, please contact Brook Swensen at 564-999-1749 or [brook.swensen@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brook.swensen@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Loree' Randall, Section Manager  
Aquatic Permitting and Protection Section  
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