

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 12, 2024

Taylor Shellfish Farms Attn: Erin Ewald 130 SE Lynch Road Shelton, WA 98594

Re: Termination of Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 20059.

Dear Erin Ewald:

For the reasons stated below, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) hereby terminates Section 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. 20059, pursuant to RCW 90.48.120.

## **Project Background**

Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) Order No. 20059 for Oyster Bay Shellfish Farm in Mason and Thurston County was issued on July 16, 2021 (with minor edits made April 25, 2023) for aquaculture activities.

Ecology is terminating the WQC Order because the project is certified under a different WQC Order. <u>The project still has coverage under WQC Order No. 22017</u>.

## 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://eluho.wa.gov/ or call: 360-664-9160.

# Service on Ecology

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

Sincerely,

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Loree' Randall, Section Manager Aquatic Permitting and Protection Section Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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