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August 29, 2024

Goose Point Oyster Co.
ATTN: Kathleen Nisbet-Moncy
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Bay Center, WA 98527

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Goose Point Oyster Stony Point North and South (Corps No. NWS-2017-1067), Willapa Bay, Pacific County Washington

Dear Kathleen Nisbet-Moncy:

On July 31, 2024, 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 Goose Point Oyster Company's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

This project will continue to commercially cultivate up to 8.5 acres of on-bottom Pacific oysters on private tidelands from +4.0ft to -2.0ft feet Mean Lower Low Water tidal elevations. Access to the site will be by boat. Native eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) is present at the site.

Oysters will be planted by scow on shell and as seed or transplanted as adults into the area via an oyster barge. The grow-out period of the oysters is 2-3 years. All oysters will remain on-bottom for the duration of their grow-out time; no structures are used. Harvest is either done by hand at low tide or through mechanical dredge. Mechanical dredge harvest consists of a metal blade backed by a mesh bag which is skimmed across the substrate surface by cables attached to boom on a small boat. No more than 2.8 acres would be mechanically harvested in any year. Mechanical harvest occurs at a maximum of once every 3 years. Dredging occurs on high-mid tide and is done by skimming the surface of the substrate to minimize turbidity. Visual monitoring will be used to confirm that project-related discharges do not cause turbidity plumes that extend beyond 150 feet and corrective action will be employed to cure any such exceedances.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel numbers 79001000212 and 79001004319, near Bay Center, Pacific County, Washington; Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 10 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Lydia Albright at (360) 870-2983.

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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Sincerely,



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