



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Southwest Region Office
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November 20, 2024

Taylor Shellfish Farms
ATTN: Erin Ewald
130 SE Lynch Road
Shelton, Washington 98684

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Rathburn Farm -
Hammersley (Corps No. NWS-2024-0422), Hammersley Inlet, Shelton, Mason County,
Washington

Dear Erin:

On May 28, 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 Taylor Shellfish Farm's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP. On November 4, 2024, Taylor Shellfish Farms and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until December 28, 2024, in order for Taylor Shellfish Farms to meet the requirements of the state's Shoreline Management Act.

The proposed work includes commercial cultivation of approximately 0.6 acres of clams and oysters, and approximately 0.7 acres of geoduck on privately owned intertidal land in Hammersley Inlet. Flexible HDPE mesh nursery tubes are inserted into the substrate and planted by hand with juvenile geoduck clams. Tubes are removed after 18-24 months. Nets may be used temporarily to cover the farm if predation pressure is high, and removed once geoduck can avoid predation. Harvest occurs by hand at low or high tide approximately 5-7 years after planting. Some netting of Manila clams may occur. Harvest of Manila clams is completed manually. Oysters are cultivated on bottom. Harvest is completed manually by forking or hand picking into baskets or tubs. Hatchery seed is used for all cultivated species. This activity is located at Tidelands off 625 SE Old Arcadia, Hammersley Inlet, Mason County, Washington, Section 22, Township 20 N., Range 3 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 14 Kennedy/Goldsborough.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Lydia Albright at 360-870-2983 or Lydia.Albright@ecy.wa.gov.

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 RCW 43.21B and WAC 371-08. "Date of receipt" is defined in Chapter 43.21B.001(2) RCW.

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 Chapter 371-08-305 WAC and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in Chapter 371-08-340 WAC.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

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

Address and Location Information

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://eluh0.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

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Department of Ecology
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PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

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E-Mail Address:

ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Sandercock".

Maria Sandercock, Section Manager
Southwest Region
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

Sent via e-mail: erine@taylofshellfish.com

E-cc: Brody Garner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Lydia Albright, Ecology
Erin Hanlon Brown, Ecology
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