



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Southwest Region Office
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November 26, 2024

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

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Oakland Bay Floating Culture (Corps No. NWS-**2023-305-AQ**), Oakland Bay, Shelton, Mason County, Washington

Dear Kelsey:

On May 16, 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 Taylor Shellfish Farm's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On October 25, 2023, Taylor Shellfish Farms and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM until February 16, 2024. A second stay was agreed to on January 31, 2024, extending the review period until August 16, 2024, and a third stay was agreed to on July 17, 2024, extending the review period until January 16, 2025, in order for Taylor Shellfish Farms to meet the requirements of the state's Shoreline Management Act.

The proposed work includes growing oysters in subtidal waters from seed. The proposed project involves installation, maintenance, and operation of a floating oyster bag system in Oakland Bay. The lease footprint is proposed for 50 acres; however, the oyster bag production area covers approximately 9.1 acres of subtidal marine water. This activity will occur in Oakland Bay, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington.

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://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

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Sandercock".

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

Sent via e-mail: erine@taylorshellfish.com

E-cc: Kelsey Blubaugh, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Lydia Albright, Ecology
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