



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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May 14, 2025

Northern Oyster Company Inc.  
ATTN: Brian and Marilyn Sheldon  
PO Box 1039  
Ocean Park, WA 98640

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Sheldon Northern Oyster Cultivation (**Corps No. NWS-2025-029**), Willapa Bay, Nahcotta, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Brian and Marilyn:

On March 19, 2025, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on March 28, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Northern Oyster Company Inc.'s determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

The proposed work includes to commercially cultivate and harvest shellfish on up to 3.4 acres of tidelands (tax parcel 12112755186) in Willapa Bay, Nachotta, Pacific County, Washington. The applicant would cultivate oysters and clams within the 3.4-acre parcel utilizing both on- and off-bottom cultivation methods. Clams seed would be broadcasted by hand into the intertidal area, with some portions of the 1.5-acre clam cultivation area netted. Netting would be secured by rebar stakes. Oyster would be grown within a 1.5-acre area using off-bottom cultivation methods, which include oyster longlines, and floating or flip bags. These structures would be anchored to the substrate using rebar stakes and supported by PVC pipe. Rope for longlines may be strung and set with spat on shell, or lines with bags and floats. Approximately 0.40 acre of the cultivation area would be incidental/secondary shellfish crop. The applicant proposes to harvest manually by hand and mechanically using either dredge harvesting by boat or a bulb/greenhouse harvester. Access to the site is proposed by boat at high tide or adjacent uplands.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Lydia Albright at [Lydia.Albright@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Lydia.Albright@ecy.wa.gov) or 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 by 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.

## Address and Location Information

### Filing with the PCHB

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

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
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#### E-Mail Address:

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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

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