



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 21, 2025

PNW Shellfish LLC
Attn: Cord Hearst and Robert Neil
5000 E. Brockdale Road
Shelton, WA 98584

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for PNW Shellfish Geoduck Farm - Smith Site (Corps No. NWS-2024-1053), Case Inlet, Shelton, Mason County, Washington

Dear Cord Hearst and Robert Neil:

On March 11, 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 April 18, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with PNW Shellfish LLC (Cord Hearst and Robert Neil)'s determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

This project proposes to plant geoduck seed on the inside of 4" diameter PVC tubes which will be placed in substrate, or in flexible plastic mesh sleeves on private tidelands. Planting will range from above +2' MLLW to the extreme low tide. Tubes will be covered with mesh caps and three to four inches will be exposed above substrate. Planting will take place from spring to early fall. Caps will be removed 12 to 24 months after planting. Tubes and mesh sleeves will be removed from the beach 24 months after planting. Harvesting will occur for approximately 6 months and will begin (typically in late fall or early winter) 6 to 7 years after planting. After the harvest the beach will be prepared for re-planting.

Throughout the planting period, all equipment will be transported to the site by water from a staging area.

The project site is located adjacent to 4462 E. North Island Drive within Case Inlet, Mason County, Washington, Section 25, Township 21 N., Range 2 W., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 14 Kennedy/Goldsborough.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Lydia Albright at 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

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PO Box 47608
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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: pnwshellfish@outlook.com

E-cc: Brody Garner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kimberly McClurg, Marine Surveys & Assessments
Erin Hanlon Brown, Ecology
Lydia Albright, Ecology
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