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March 9, 2021

Taylor Shellfish Farms
ATTN: Erin Ewald
130 SE Lynch Road
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RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200901327,**
Taylor Shellfish Little Skookum Wildcat, Mason County, Washington

Dear Erin Ewald:

On May 13, 2020, the Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. October 27, 2020, Ecology and Taylor Shellfish Farms agreed to stay the CZM request to allow time for Taylor Shellfish to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification. February 25, 2021, Taylor Shellfish and Ecology agreed to extend the stay again. The current stay expires on April 1, 2021.

This determination is for the proposed project to commercially cultivate 9.6 acres oysters and clams between the +3 ft. (foot) to -4.5 ft. Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevations on parcel number 319110081010. No access will occur from uplands all access to the tidelands will be by boat.

The cultivation of oysters for commercial production are grown in bags, near bottom, and on-bottom as both singles and clusters. Harvest takes place manually by hand during low tide and oysters are placed into tubs for pick up and transfer. Bags are harvested by pulling and emptying oysters onto barges for transfer. Bags are reused and hatchery seed is used.

Clam seed is broadcast by hand into the intertidal area. Some areas are netted, and some are not. Harvest takes place manually by hand at low tide by using rakes to loosen the sediment and clams are collected. The grower may also use a mechanical clam digger, which is powered by a small engine that propels a blade to loosen the soil and collect clams. The clams are collected by a rake under the machine that gathers them onto a conveyor belt and placed in a tub for sorting by staff. Once the clams are harvest they are placed into sacks for pick up by boat. Littleneck and butter clams may be harvested incidentally when seeded clams are harvested.

The project site is located on tidelands within Little Skookum Inlet on parcel number 319110081010 adjacent to SE Wildcat Cove Road near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 3 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy Goldsborough Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Taylor Shellfish Farms determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination please contact Jennifer Riedmayer at Jennifer.Riedmayer@ecy.wa.gov.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. 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 appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

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

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Sincerely,



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