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March 11, 2021

Olsen & Son Oyster Co.  
Attn: Phillip & Norman Olsen  
P.O. Box 905  
South Bend, WA 98586

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701197**,  
Olsen & Son Ongoing Aquaculture Site B70, Pacific County, Washington

Dear Phillip & Norman Olsen:

On December 17, 2020, the Department of Ecology received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project.

This determination is for the project to continue to commercially cultivate up to 38 acres of Pacific oysters between the +0.5-ft to +2.0-ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) tidal elevations and up to 15 acres of Manila clams between the +1.0-ft to +2.0-ft MLLW tidal elevations. The proposed project is located 0.3 miles waterward from the approximate Mean High Water (MHW) shoreline and extends a maximum of 1.1 miles waterward of the approximate MHW shoreline. All access to the site will be by boat. Patches of native eelgrass are found throughout the project site.

Oysters will be grown on-bottom using no additional materials for grow-out. Oysters will be hand-planted either directly onto the substrate as single-seed oysters or scattered from a boat deck at high tide as cultch. Harvest will either take place by hand at low tide or by mechanical dredge harvest at high tide. The dredge method involves skimming the substrate on which the oysters rest with dredge baskets attached to dredge arms on the vessel at slow speeds. Annual dredge acres will not exceed 13 acres. The harvest cycle is approximately 3 years.

Manila clams will be caught by natural set on cleaned crushed shell placed within the project area used to frost the substrate (no more than 1-inch) over a 15-acre cultivation area. This occurs on an annual basis and maintenance will be minimal. The clams will be harvested by hand. The harvest will be supplemental and intermittent over a continuous period to maintain a healthy natural population.

The project site is located on tidelands within Willapa Bay, on parcel number 79001000070, near Bay Center, Pacific County, Washington; Township 14 North, Range 10 West; WRIA 24, Willapa Watershed.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at [teressa.pucylowski@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:teressa.pucylowski@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.

### ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

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<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Sincerely,



Brenden McFarland, Section Manager  
Environmental Review and Transportation Section  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

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