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March 11, 2021

Trident Marine Services, Inc. Attn: Matt Smith 2851 E. South Island Dr. Shelton, WA 98584

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. 202000954,

Case Inlet Aquaculture Sites (Yates, Yates-Gregory, Runyan, Smith, Riggs 1 and 2),

Mason County, Washington

Dear Matt Smith:

On December 10, 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 to continue growing geoduck at the following sites: Smith = 2 acres; Yates-Gregory = 1.8 acres; Yates = 1.9 acres; Runyan = 0.28 acres; Riggs 1 = 0.49 acres; and Riggs 2 = 0.6 acres. The sites contain no eelgrass or kelp. Access to sites can occur by boat of from the upland, however, during the planting period, all equipment will be transported to the site by water from a staging area.

Geoduck seed will be planted on the inside of 4" diameter PVC tubes or in flexible plastic mesh sleeves, which will then be places in the substrate. These will all be placed on private tidelands ranging from above +2' MLLW to the extreme low tide. Tubes will be covered with mesh caps and approximately 3" – 4" will be exposed above substrate. Planting will take place from spring to early fall.

Caps will be removed 12 to 24 months after planting, and 24 months after planting, all tubes and mesh sleeves will be removed from the beach. Five to six years after planting, harvesting will begin using a low pressure wand – typically in late fall or early winter. Six months later (six years after planting), the harvest will be completed and the beach will be prepared for replanting.

The project site is located on tidelands within Case Inlet, on parcel numbers 221250083084, 121312270010, 121312200020, 121312200030, 220121190030, and 220121190040, near Shelton, Mason County, Washington; Section 25, Township 21 North, Range 2 West; WRIA 14, Kennedy/Goldsborough Watershed.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision please contact Teressa Pucylowski at 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

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board 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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e-cc: Emma Ross, Corps of Engineers

Laura Hendricks, Coalition To Protect Puget Sound Habitat

Amy van Saun, Center for Food Safety

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