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March 15, 2021

Lytle Seafoods
Attn: Scott & Michael Lytle
1 Rock View Ln
Hoquiam, WA 98550

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **202000836**,
Lytle's Seafood Ongoing Aquaculture, Grays Harbor County, Washington

Dear Scott & Michael Lytle:

On January 19, 2021, 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 proposed project to continue ongoing aquaculture activities, specifically the cultivation of Pacific oysters, Kumomoto oysters, and Manila clams. Hand harvest of natural set cockles also occurs. This project consists of three total sites: Site 1 is 8 acres (between +1.75ft and +2.0ft MLLW); Site 2 is 36 acres (between +1.0ft and +0.5ft MLLW); and Site 3 is 318.1 acres (between +2.0ft and -1.0ft MLLW). All sites will be accessed by boat by small crews. Maintenance of sites will be minimal between planting and harvesting and will be limited to periodic gear and crop inspections. Patches of native eelgrass are found throughout the project site.

For on-bottom grow-out, Pacific oysters are scattered as cultch from boats at high tide. Kumomoto oysters are cultured intermittently in flip bags, which are mesh bags (approximately 2-ft-wide x 3-ft-long x 6-in-deep) attached to 100ft-long stainless steel ropes anchored at each end with rebar. There will be 3ft between each bag and 6ft between each row. When not in production the flip bag system is removed from site. Manila clam seed is intermittently scattered by hand and temporary predator-exclusion netting is placed over the planted clams, secured to the substrate by rebar. Temporary storage of Pacific oyster cultch seed will take place on the tidelands.

Harvest of Manila clams and Kumomoto oysters takes place by hand approximately every 2.5 years. Harvest of on-bottom Pacific oysters occurs via boat dredge harvest every 2-3 years. This method involves skimming the substrate on which the oysters rest with dredge baskets attached to dredge arms on the vessel at slow speeds. The oysters collected in the baskets are then dumped onto the deck of the vessel for transport. Dredge harvest occurs on high tide and is done intermittently year-round depending on demand and availability of mature oysters.

The project site is located on tidelands within North Bay Grays Harbor, on parcel numbers 17110385550 and 181134856700, near Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington; Section 3, Township 17 North, Range 11 West; WRIA 22, Lower Chehalis Watershed.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination please contact Teresa 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

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Sincerely,



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