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March 15, 2021

Net Venture Farms, Inc.  
Attn: Hui Xia  
8822 Libby Road NE  
Olympia, WA 98506

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **201900569**,  
Net Venture Lowell Geoduck Aquaculture, Thurston County, Washington

Dear Hui Xia:

On February 12, 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 a commercial geoduck operation, with approximately 2 acres of cultivation on private tidelands site between +3.0ft Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) to the extremely low tide -4.5ft tidal elevation. There is no eelgrass present at this site. Regular maintenance activities occur biweekly or after a stormy event and include: 1) checking growth rate, 2) removing any marine debris, and 3) assuring there are no significant damages to the farm.

Geoduck will be planted in flexible mesh tubes made from a quarter-inch durable polyethylene. The tubes measure 8 to 12-in long by 6-in wide, are spaced 1.2-ft apart, and protrude 2 to 4-in above the beach. The tubes and nets protect the baby geoducks until they reach adequate depth and size to avoid predators. The tubes and nettings are removed two years after planting, with no materials on the tidelands for four years, until they are ready for harvest. About 60,000 tubes would be installed in 2021.

Harvest will take place at both low (“dry harvest”) and high tides (“wet harvest”). During the harvest process, a 30-ft long by 12-ft wide wooden barge with no propulsion will be moored at the site in three or four-point anchorages near +1 MLLW of the project site for a maximum of seven days. Water pumps used for harvest will be run by a small engine mounted to the barge. The engine and the pump would be fitted with a muffler and kept inside an insulated box to reduce noise when harvesting. The water pump is connected to a hand-held water jet which is inserted into the beach next to the geoduck. The jet liquefies the substrate so that the geoduck may be removed.

The project site is located on tidelands within Nisqually Reach, on parcel number 721000003100, adjacent to 7646 Sandy Point Road NE, near Olympia, Thurston County, Washington; Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 1 West; WRIA 13, Deschutes Watershed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Net Venture Farms 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](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>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
<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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