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March 18, 2021

National Fish & Oyster Nisqually Shellfish Farm
Attn: Catherine Gylys
5028 Meridian Rd NE
Olympia, WA 98516

RE: Coastal Zone Consistency for Corps Reference No. **200701411**,
National Fish & Oyster Nisqually Shellfish Farm, Thurston County, Washington

Dear Catherine Gylys:

On September 28, 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 proposed project to continue and modify a previously authorized commercial shellfish aquaculture operation in Nisqually Reach at Olympia, Thurston County, Washington. The farm cultivates Manila Clams (*Venerupis philippinarum*), Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*), Kumamoto Oysters (*Crassostrea sikamea*), Belon Oysters (*Ostrea edulis*), and Geoduck Clams (*Panopea generosa*) on tidelands (Parcels #: 920008030000, # 21930321500). The total proposed cultivation area would be 222.2 acres which consists of 2.9 acres of single oysters on bottom and flip bag cultivation, 6.1 acres of on bottom Manila clams cultivation including frosting, 12.5 acres of nursery bed and on bottom oyster cultivation, 186.7 acres of on-bottom cultch oyster cultivation, 10 acres of geoduck cultivation, and 4 acres of longline oyster cultivation. The cultivated areas would be located in the intertidal portion of the tidelands between the -4.5 and +4.5 feet Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) mark. As compared to the site plans previously approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, the project includes an additional 84.1 acres of on-bottom oyster culture, 5 acres of geoduck culture, and 3.1 acres of Manila clam culture, all of which would be planted in areas that were previously identified as fallow (i.e. previously cultivated but not currently in cultivation). Graveling (50 – 100 yds.) will be spread over the life of the permit-10 yrs. Gravel is spread off the cleaned deck of a barge using seawater to spread. Graveling only occurs when needed. Clam seed is planted by hand.

The project site is located on tidelands within Nisqually Reach, Puget Sound, on parcel numbers 21930321500; 21930321600, adjacent to 5040 Meridian Rd NE Olympia, WA 98516, near Olympia, Thurston County, Washington; Section 30, Township 18-19 North, Range 1E West; WRIA 13, Deschutes Watershed.

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

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency decision, please contact Adam Sant at adam.sant@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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