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September 25, 2024

Chase Metzger
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Permit Number: WAG993010
Site Name: Willapa Bay, Pacific County

RE: Renewal of Coverage under the *Zostera Japonica* Management on Commercial Clam Beds in Willapa Bay General Permit

Dear Chase Metzger:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your application to renew coverage under the *Zostera Japonica* Management on Commercial Clam Beds in Willapa Bay General Permit (*Z. japonica* permit). Ecology is issuing you coverage under the *Z. japonica* permit as of September 5, 2024. **Retain this letter with your permit documents. It is part of the official record of permit coverage for your operations.**

A copy of the *Z. japonica* permit, forms, and supporting documents may be viewed and downloaded from [Ecology's Zostera Japonica webpage](#)¹.

Please take time to read the entire permit. It contains the requirements you must follow to maintain compliance. Contact Shawn Ultican (email and phone number listed at the end of this letter) if you have questions about the *Z. japonica* permit, or if you would like to receive a hard copy.

Permit Fees

State law (RCW 90.48.465) requires that all Permittees pay an annual permit fee based upon the state fiscal year. The state fiscal year begins each year on July 1, and ends June 30 the following year. Ecology mails permit fee bills to all Permittees annually. Permittees that have permit coverage on July 1 will receive a permit fee bill. If you would like more information on the permit fee process, contact the Water Quality Program Permit Fee Administrator at 1-800-633-6193 (Option 2), or by email at wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/permits-certifications/aquatic-pesticide-permits/zostera-japonica-eelgrass-management>

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Questions and Permit Technical Assistance

If you have questions about this letter, or you have questions or need more information about *Z. japonica* permit requirements, please contact Shawn Ultican at Shawn.Ultican@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 870-3492.

Sincerely,



Jeff Killelea, Manager
Permit and Technical Services Section
Water Quality Program

cc: Shawn Ultican, Aquatic Pesticide Permit Specialist, Water Quality Program
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