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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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May 7, 2025

Chase Metzger
Coastal AG LLC
12507 Y Place
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Permit Number: WAG993010
Site Name: Heckes Clams Inc. at Willapa Bay, Pacific
County

**RE: 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 for the Zostera Japonica Management on Commercial Clam Beds in Willapa Bay General Permit (ZJ permit) for the site shown above. The updated permit was reissued on April 2, 2025, and went into effect on May 2, 2025. Ecology is issuing you coverage under the new ZJ permit as of May 2, 2025. **Retain this letter with your permit documents. It is part of the official record of permit coverage.**

You may view and download the ZJ permit, forms, and supporting documents from [Ecology's Zosterea Japonica web page](#)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 ZJ 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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Appeal

The issuance of permit coverage may be appealed within 30-days of receiving this letter as detailed in the Appeal of General Permit Coverage focus sheet, which you may view and download from [Ecology's website](#)². Any appeal is limited to the applicability or non-applicability of the permit to a specific discharger.

Questions and Permit Technical Assistance

If you have questions about this letter, or you have questions or need more information about ZJ 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

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² <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/1710007.pdf>

