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July 23, 2018

Warren Cowell
Willapa Bay Shellfish
PO Box 43
Ocean Park, WA 98640

**Renew your permit coverage by:
November 3, 2018**

**RE: Renew Your Permit Coverage, No. WAG993003, under the *Zostera Japonica*
Management on Commercial Clam Beds in Willapa Bay General Permit**

Dear Mr. Cowell:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued the *Zostera Japonica* Management on Commercial Clam Beds in Willapa Bay General Permit (Zj permit) in 2014. It expires in May of 2019. Ecology will be starting the process to update and reissue the Zj permit soon. **You must take action to ensure your permit coverage remains uninterrupted and continues under the next version of the Zj permit.**

In order to ensure your permit coverage continues, you will need to submit an updated Zj permit application as your renewal application to Ecology. Ecology must receive your renewal application by **November 3, 2018**, 180 days before the current Zj permit expires on May 2, 2019.

Your Renewal Application

It is important that the information on your renewal application accurately reflects current operations on your commercial clam beds. When starting your renewal application, having a copy of the permit application you originally submitted to Ecology is helpful.

Review your original permit application. Ensure that the information is still correct. If the information is correct, use it to fill out your renewal application, a blank permit application is attached for your convenience. If you need to update information, fill out your renewal application including your updated information.

NOTE: Do not add new acreage on your renewal application unless you are also planning to request a modification of your existing permit coverage. Modification of coverage requires publication of public notice and a 30-day comment period.



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Once you have completely filled out your renewal application, sign the form and submit it to Ecology at the following address:

WA Dept of Ecology
Water Quality Program
Attn: Pesticide Permit Manager
PO Box 47696
Olympia, WA 98504-7696

If you need additional copies of the blank permit application form, it may be obtained here:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Asset-Collections/Doc-Assets/Water-quality/Water-Quality-Permits/Aquatic-Pesticides-Permits/Zostera-japonica-Management/01022014DraftZjNOI>

Failure to submit your renewal application to Ecology prior to November 3, 2018 will result in your permit coverage expiring on May 2, 2019, when the Zj permit expires.
If your permit coverage expires, you will need to reapply for permit coverage as a new applicant (including meeting public notice and comment period requirements) and be issued permit coverage again before your commercial clam beds may be treated with imazamox to control *Zostera japonica*.

If you have questions about the permit renewal process or need assistance, please contact me, Jon Jennings, at jonathan.jennings@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6283.

Sincerely,



Jonathan 'Jon' Jennings
Aquatic Pesticide Permit Specialist
Water Quality Program

Enclosure: *Zostera japonica* Management Permit Application Form