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**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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September 15, 2023

Kevin Bright  
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Re: Applications for Renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits  
***Deepwater Bay/Site 1 (WA0031569), Deepwater/Site 3 (WA0031585), and Port Angeles/Ediz Hook (WA0040894)***

Dear Kevin Bright:

We acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced applications electronically on July 24, 2023, and the original signed paper versions on August 17, 2023. These applications are hereby accepted. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) placed these three permits in administratively extended status in 2017 and will continue while Cooke prepares for closure monitoring and reporting. As of July 1, 2023, the sites are also in an inactive status meaning they are absent of activities creating discharge.

The current permits terms and conditions will remain in effect and enforceable until the permits are terminated. If Cooke regains the ability to obtain state aquatic land leases, Ecology will evaluate what additional information is necessary to complete your permit renewal application. In that case, please consult the letter sent June 20, 2023, for what additional information at a minimum would be expected upon considering returning to active status or permit renewal.

Lastly, please submit the permit required Closure Monitoring Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) by the end of September 2023 for Ecology's review and approval. Once the SAP is approved, you can begin to terminate the permits and plan closure monitoring at these and the other four (Clam Bay-WA0031526, Hope Island-WA0031593, Orchard Rocks-WA0031542, Fort Ward-WA0031534) net pen sites.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [laurie.niewolny@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:laurie.niewolny@ecy.wa.gov) or by phone at (360) 584-8852.

Sincerely,

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