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March 5, 2024

Kevin Bright
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Re: Applications for Renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits
***Hope Island (WA0031593), Clam Bay (WA0031526), Orchard Rocks (WA0031542), and Fort
Ward (WA0031534)***

Dear Kevin Bright:

We acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced applications electronically on January 31, 2024, and the original signed paper versions on February 29, 2024. These applications are hereby accepted. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) will place these four permits in administratively extended status after expiration, which occurs August 9, 2024. Last year, on July 1, 2023, the sites were placed in inactive status meaning there were no activities occurring at the sites that create a discharge, a status of which each site remains.

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 and permit renewal for these and the other sites.

Lastly, please submit in writing permit termination requests and the time at which Cooke will commence closure monitoring for all seven of your permitted sites. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at laurie.niewolny@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 584-8852.

Sincerely,

Laurie Niewolny
Aquaculture NPDES Permit and Water Quality Specialist
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WA0031569, WA0031585
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