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Subject: RE: Oakland Bay Mussel Rafts

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Hi Luke,

The mussel rafts in the August 2022 picture were out of position due to the South anchor attachment breaking. The positions of the rafts are usually very constant with the June 2021 view. I have never beached the rafts for any maintenance reasons.

I am curious what is the large, proposed Taylor project ?

Let me know if you have any more questions.

Thank you,

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From: Luke Viscusi <LViscusi@masoncountywa.gov>
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Hello,

I am the Mason County permit reviewer for Taylor Shellfish's Oakland Bay floating aquaculture proposal. I see that you folks have a DNR lease for the 2 mussel rafts in Oakland Bay (attached). I am just looking for background info so that I understand the surrounding uses to Taylor's proposal.

I can see that the rafts move incrementally with the tides so their position is not completely constant. However, the most recent Google Earth view from August 2022 (attached) has one of the rafts much farther to the north than in every previous view (see attached June 2021 view, all other views from previous years are similar to June 2021). Is it still the case that one of the rafts is further north than the other, or was there a reason this was the case in August of 2022? Is there any maintenance that involves bringing the rafts to the shore or any factors that could influence the rafts moving closer to the shore?

The reason for asking these questions is that I am trying to do my due diligence with respect to how Taylor Shellfish's project (the yellow pins) may impact recreational navigation considering boaters would need to go around both the Taylor proposal and Sound Shellfish's mussel rafts. Understanding the placement of Sound Shellfish's rafts will help me communicate how much space recreational boaters have between the aquaculture and the shoreline.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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