



August 30, 2023

Submitted Via Email

Mason County Hearing Examiner  
411 N 5th St.  
Shelton, WA 98584

RE: Taylor Shellfish Oakland Bay Floating Farm Proposal  
Mason County Project #SHR2023-00003  
Response to Comments

Dear Hearing Examiner,

Taylor Shellfish greatly appreciates your review and consideration of the above-referenced project. Along with this cover letter, we are submitting the following four appendices in response to comments submitted for this project since July 26, 2023, and to provide information requested by the Hearing Examiner at the conclusion of the public hearing:

- A. Comment Response Matrix. This matrix organizes and provides responses to public comments. Cross-references are provide to additional appendices as appropriate.
- B. Confluence Environmental Response to Scientific and Technical Comments. This document provides responses from Confluence Environmental Company to comments that raised scientific and technical concerns.
- C. Aesthetics Analysis. This document analyses the project's anticipated impacts with respect to approval criteria in the Mason County Shoreline Master Program ("SMP"), and in so doing provides information requested by the Hearing Examiner and that responds to public comments raising aesthetic concerns.
- D. Updated Public Access Memorandum. This memorandum responds to questions raised during the Hearing Examiner public testimony for the project, and in so doing provides additional information and analysis demonstrating the Proposal complies with relevant SMP provisions regarding public access.

As demonstrated in the attached documents, along with previously-submitted information to the County, the project is consistent with shoreline permit issuance criteria. Accordingly, Taylor Shellfish respectfully requests the Hearing Examiner issue the project's shoreline permit

Thank you once again for your time and attention to this project.

Sincerely,

Erin Ewald