



September 18, 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 August 31, 2023, as requested by the Hearing Examiner at the conclusion of the public hearing:

1. Comment Response Matrix. This matrix organizes and provides responses to public comments received following Taylor Shellfish's August 30 original responses. Cross-references are provided to additional or previous appendices as appropriate.
2. Confluence Environmental Response to Scientific and Technical Comments. This document provides responses from Confluence Environmental Company to comments that raised scientific and technical concerns.
3. Aesthetics Analysis. This memorandum builds off Taylor Shellfish August 30 Appendix C response and further addresses the project's anticipated impacts with respect to approval criteria in the Mason County Code and responds to new public comments raising aesthetic concerns.
4. Updated Public Access Memorandum. This memorandum also supports Taylor Shellfish's August 30 Appendix D response, incorporating criteria under Mason County Code, and responds to new public comments raising public access concerns.

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