

13:16:05 From M For : Is Taylor limited to the 9 acres of "pods". The permit is for 50. If Taylor sells their company—even to a foreign corporation—does the permit pass to that company. How much has Taylor contributed to the campaign of Hilary Franz?

13:27:06 From b norton : 1. ESA: Endangered Species Act Section 10(a)(1)(B) Incidental Take Permit is required for any "take" of an endangered or threatened species incidental to, and not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity. <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/laws-policies#endangered-species-act>

2. Marine Mammals Protection Act: Moratorium on take of protected species w/out express permitting - (orcas, harbor seals, otters) https://www.mmc.gov/wp-content/uploads/MMPA_March2019.pdf

3. WA state Hydraulic Project Approval: RCW 77.55 " (1) Except as provided in RCW 77.55.031, 77.55.051, 77.55.041, and 77.55.361, in the event that any person or government agency desires to undertake a hydraulic project, the person or government agency shall, before commencing work thereon, secure the approval of the department in the form of a permit as to the adequacy of the means proposed for the protection of fish life."
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=77.55>

13:33:09 From Ginny Douglas : is Luke saying the species in the cove only...would that be true in the bay

13:34:55 From Ginny Douglas : is the bay under the bush act

13:50:39 From . : Ewald didn't answer the question: Are those floating farms?

13:51:00 From Ginny Douglas : there are not currently 50 acres of bags in chapman cove

13:51:01 From Kristina Stolte : Erin did not answer if these were comparing floating or other kinds of aquaculture

13:51:53 From . : None of the pictures shown are floating oyster bags as proposed.

13:53:51 From Dave Douglas : The pictures of larger installations are both located in much more rural locations with very significantly fewer homes nearby.

13:55:19 From Tiana : YOU said this wouldn't happen ..

13:56:19 From Ginny Douglas : Willapa bay is larger than Oakland bay

13:56:46 From Shelly : The farm currently in Oakland Bay is not a floating farm. There is no visual evidence of the farm, with the exception of the workers you see when the tide is out. Contrast this with the proposed farm that would be a visual nuisance 24 hours a day, regardless of tide.

13:57:51 From . : Difficult to hear Ms Ewald with garbled transmission - any way to fix that?

13:58:08 From Ginny Douglas : These farm pictures look like they are in remote areas -no residences to impact

13:59:03 From Dave Douglas : Again without any adjacent residential showing for the New Zealand operations, plus topography significantly more elevated for the adjacent land mass.

14:01:02 From Francesca : Please ask about the history of use of pesticides and herbicides to protect their investment in Willapa Bay. Oysters and other shellfish may be very benign and useful organisms for cleaning up polluted water but the Shellfish industry has a very checkered past in protecting their investments at the cost of the local environment and citizens. As a 2017 article written in the Seattle Times about the public protests in Willapa Bay about the past use of herbicides and pesticides used to improve shellfish beds but caused harmful effects to native species and people. For over 50 years the shellfish industry used chemicals that had specific warnings on their labels that they should not be used in water or sprayed on people

14:01:12 From . : To suggest interest in recreational activity between the lines demonstrates how out of touch is Taylor Shellfish with the value of Oakland Bay public recreation.

14:03:05 From Tiana : Reacted to "To suggest interest ..." with 👍

14:03:25 From Shelly : Who's going to notify the seals, otters and other sealife that they can only transit in the 1000' between the shore and the farm? This will significantly restrict sea animals from entering the Bay

14:03:33 From Ginny Douglas : Pt 1 is accessible by rope only and delivers a person into deep mud. Pt 2 is accessible through private property unless someone arrives by boat.

14:03:43 From Shelly : Reacted to "To suggest interest ..." with 👍

14:05:04 From . : Will the listing of access to Taylor shoreline properties lead to increased trespassing onto adjacent private property?

14:07:52 From Kristina Stolte : The takeaways are: all examples given in size comparison are not floating farms and are not residential water areas. Plus a full environmental impact study was not done so we do not know the full environmental impact.

14:09:40 From Ginny Douglas : Did I understand it correctly that if Taylor sells the company to a Chinese owned company- it will be able to just hand it over? No further review would be necessary?

14:10:03 From Ginny Douglas : No new jobs?

14:10:06 From Community Member : I want to know the increase of revenue this will generate for Mason County-tax wise. This is not a job creation move which is fine, however, I kind of expected the jobs to be "Good Jobs". Meaning, they work normal work hours during the day. NOT on weekends, NOT at night. Hours that could support a family life. But to say that this is a conflicting interest issue is strange considering the community should get something out of it- I.e. tax revenue to help improve the community.

14:10:07 From . : Statistics presented on domestic vs international sales are all shellfish. The interest is with oysters. Seems like finding a statistic that sounds best but avoids the questions of public concern.

14:11:31 From Ginny Douglas : so you are offering self monitoring or by DNR who already states they are understaffed and have no time?

14:12:29 From Community Member : And the biggest question that has yet to be answered, is HOW did Taylor engage the public on access??

14:13:20 From . : No monitoring of water quality, tidal flow, dissolved oxygen. No studies designed to measure changes e.g, before vs after

14:15:38 From . : Will employees request permission from shoreline property owners to inspect for debris?

14:18:43 From Ginny Douglas : what is the 3 year installation going to entail?

14:20:19 From Brian Lagerberg : Could you please describe the public engagement process used to determine the most appropriate and valuable improvements to public access

14:20:30 From Community Member : Reacted to "Could you please des..." with 👍

14:21:35 From Kristina Stolte : so another non answer on the generator decibel

14:22:01 From Tom Burgess : Why did Taylor Shellfish decide to request a 9 acre farm in open water that would impinge upon public rights rather than use the currently unused tidelands acreage that they own?

14:22:39 From Kristina Stolte : Replying to "Why did Taylor Shell..."

I think these floating bags allow for the growth of seeds which they will sell

14:24:00 From Ginny Douglas : is there a picture of what this will look like on Oakland bay?

14:26:11 From Dacia Dunbar : I am confused. Last week the information presented stated that this would be the largest farm of its kind in the U.S., this week, it's very small and not a big deal. Which is it?

14:27:36 From Ginny Douglas : Doesn't the contaminated water move through the bags? Isn't that why we can't eat the raw shellfish now?

14:27:55 From Ginny Douglas : Who is testing the shellfish?

14:28:03 From Community Member : Reacted to "I am confused. Last ..." with 👍

14:28:16 From Dacia Dunbar : Reacted to "Doesn't the contamin..." with 👍

14:29:09 From . : I am confused as well. Didn't Ms Ewald describe last week that the largest existing floating oyster bag farm was 3,000 bags? And isn't the proposal to place 30,000 bags in Oakland Bay? Isn't that 10 times the size of the largest existing floating oyster bag system?

14:29:37 From Community Member : Replying to "I am confused as wel..."

Yes. This is exactly what I remember.

14:31:09 From Bonnie Blessing-Earle : Replying to "I am confused as wel..."

At mean low low tide water depth I think is 10 to 15 feet. Are there more salmon predators associated with eh lines in the water and the floats (i.e. seals and striped bass). Can you add some sort of predator control of salmon? Can you assess whether there will be salmon predators using the lines and floats in the water?

14:33:10 From Dacia Dunbar : What is the benefit to the community? We do not get B&O tax revenue from Taylor, no new jobs are created, property values will decrease - thus reducing revenue to the county. This is a business growth plan and damages/harms the community it operates in.

14:34:27 From b norton : What chemical is added to your HDPE to make it UV resistant?

14:35:20 From Community Member : Please respond to the Tax revenue and how this project will help the community?

14:35:31 From Bonnie Blessing-Earle : AT MLLW, is the water really only 10 to 15 feet? Will the lines in the water or floats attract predators of salmon like striped bass (which do occur in p get sound) and seals? Is there a way to control predators attracted to the lines or floats so there is no predation on salmon that move theory the narrow inlet. Inlet seems very narrow at low tide.

14:35:33 From Dacia Dunbar : No new jobs. Taylor's written communication to residents is that they would reassign existing workers.

14:36:53 From . : If economics and jobs are not relevant to the proposal being reviewed, then why has Taylor featured the information?

14:37:05 From Dacia Dunbar : Reacted to "If economics and job..." with 👍

14:37:38 From Ginny Douglas : how can we know the impact on the environment without an EIS?

14:37:50 From Dacia Dunbar : Reacted to "how can we know the ..." with 👍

14:38:21 From Dacia Dunbar : Taylor has not engaged the public on this project.

14:38:48 From Community Member : Reacted to "Taylor has not engag..." with 👍

14:39:32 From . : Reacted to "Taylor has not engag..." with 👍

14:41:01 From Dacia Dunbar : The question was whether Taylor engaged the public on this proposal. This is not a hearing about Taylor as an organization. It is about this proposal. I guess the answer was that there has been no public engagement.

14:42:27 From b norton : how are the screw anchors installed?

14:44:37 From Ginny Douglas : non answer of what the installation process will look and sound like. I heard one crane will be used to set the anchors...what happens next?

14:45:30 From . : Didn't that rendering show 38 lines?

14:46:27 From Mason County Community Dev : We do have one in-person question

14:47:47 From Ginny Douglas : Is Willapa bay the same size as Oakland Bay?

14:48:46 From b norton : fyi: Vibrio map here:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html>

14:49:12 From Dacia Dunbar : This project only - there is no new jobs created.

14:49:18 From . : If the water is clean now, why have you stated the objective of the floating oyster bag system is to clean up Oakland Bay?

14:50:17 From Kristina Stolte : Replying to "Is Willapa bay the s..."

Wallapa Bay is 258 miles. Oakland Bay is 4 miles long and 3/4 miles wide

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14:51:52 From Ginny Douglas : my question about the set up is how many boats...cranes...people,...noise, etc?

14:53:03 From Tom Burgess : The Shoreline Management Act indicates "The legislature declares that the interest of all of the people shall be paramount in the management of shorelines of statewide significance." The WA state judiciary has ruled that navigation on the open water is a public right. How would this sub-tidal farm be in the paramount interest of ALL of the people, including the local community members who are opposed to this proposal, and preserve the public's right to navigation on open waters?

14:55:57 From Ginny Douglas : so it's one crane boat and one other boat and 2 people for 2 -3 years

14:58:04 From Bill Dewey : They are intertidal oyster longlines in Samish Bay and not what it proposed for Oakland Bay

15:22:12 From Ginny Douglas : Taylor is using Willapa Bay as a comparable project. Is Willapa Bay anywhere near the size of Oakland Bay?

15:31:50 From Brad(ley) Mortensen : Did Taylor Shellfish hire you to provide this presentation/study? And if yes, how can we as the public, be certain that your findings aren't biased in their favor. Will there be a nonbiased/neutral "expert" weighing in on this project in regards to environmental impact?

15:36:59 From Brad(ley) Mortensen : Doesn't it matter that there are even just a few whales coming in? That they might be impacted?

15:37:45 From Ginny Douglas : Doesn't third party monitoring make more sense than Taylor monitoring itself?

15:38:42 From Susan Davison : Asking that the code Luke Viscusi discussed about the ability of oyster species to be swapped, requesting that the Code (or codes) he reviewed be listed in the minutes so it can be reviewed and commented as needed.

15:38:47 From Susan Davison : Thank you. Susan Davison

15:41:13 From b norton : Please explain why there is no management plan for bird interactions with the floating gear/bacteria is not an issue for this site, when it is an issue big enough for NY State to require harvesters to present a management plan for it on the east coast? https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/dmrobcapp.pdf

15:42:25 From Dacia Dunbar : Reacted to "Doesn't third party ..." with 👍

15:44:33 From Kristina Stolte : Which anchor will be used for the Oakland bay project?

15:45:25 From Susan Davison : Under the project application, is there any requirement to look at impacts to the Bald Eagle under the BGEPA from project-related impacts, given the preponderance of bald eagles and mating pairs surrounding the Oakland Bay.

15:45:54 From Ginny Douglas : We haven't gotten a clear answer on anything

15:48:27 From Brad(ley) Mortensen : What about the vertical lines potentially entangling seals? They don't use echo location to navigate like whales do?

15:50:02 From Francesca : What are the tipping point studies regard to?

15:50:46 From Francesca : Sorry What are the tipping point studies that were referred to?

15:51:51 From Ginny Douglas : He just said he doesn't know the tipping point.

15:51:57 From Bonnie Blessing-Earle : Do seals, striped perch or other predators of salmon use the lines or floats?

15:57:58 From b norton : what are "3 stacked systems" for the bags?

15:58:19 From Brad(ley) Mortensen : Microplastics are a growing concern for marine life and our oceans. Even though taylor stated that they are very durable, the baskets aren't indestructible. Given there will be 30,000 bags, have there been any studies done that show how much Microplastic enters the water around these farms after a given period of time?

15:58:37 From Ginny Douglas : He said he doesn't know and there aren't studies done from comparable areas.

16:00:20 From Brad(ley) Mortensen : Will the salmon being able to "hide" under the baskets, take away from the normal hunting abilities of harbor seals? Won't that affect them?

16:00:31 From Bonnie Blessing-Earle : Will harbor seals use the floats?

16:11:51 From b norton : "The double lines are in 3 stacked systems, rafted side by side." HMP, p.9

16:17:05 From Kristina Stolte : Erin was very vague about the light placement. Can she please explain how frequently on the bags the lights

will be placed? She mentioned a small farm that had one in each corner but that is not relevant to a 30,000 float system. Thank you!

16:29:22 From Mason County Community Dev :
lviscusi@masoncountywa.gov

16:29:29 From Mason County Community Dev :
mfrazier@masoncountywa.gov

16:31:01 From Ginny Douglas : Will the examiners decision be due 10 days after 9/14