

Scott McCormick

From: Erin Ewald <erine@taylorshellfish.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 3:42 PM
To: Scott McCormick
Subject: RE: SEPA condition - Mazanti

Scott,

Here is what I received in response to your SEPA question regarding floodplains on this project:

For unconfined intertidal areas (i.e. not a river mouth floodplain), we're not concerned about a project's potential to appreciably alter water levels. Furthermore, aquaculture projects like Taylor's Mazanti project don't usually involve placement of fill or structures that could directly or indirectly (e.g. trapping large amounts of woody debris) alter flood water elevations. There's typically plenty of space for water to flow around oyster bags resting on or hanging above the substrate. So we don't further analyze this potential issue or reach out to FEMA other than through our public notice. Jonathan Smith, Project Manager 206 245-4451

Please let me know if this is not what you were looking for.

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Hi Erin,

What I'm going to do is move this to a project condition to push it out a little further. I'm sure getting in touch with people is going to be more challenging now that the Christmas holiday is upon us. What we're looking for is something from FEMA regarding this particular project so that we are covered when we are audited by FEMA. It could just be an email from someone in charge at Region X saying you are covered by existing info. or it's an exempt activity etc. The FEMA audits can significantly impact flood insurance rates for hundreds of people so we are very careful around this

issue. You could submit those two documents you sent me at the hearing or just before the hearing to Sonja Cady, the Hearing Examiner's Clerk. It's not feasible to print all of that as attachments b/c it's somewhere close to 400 pages and I'm not entirely sure what parts of those large documents are directly applicable to this specific project. A way to handle it might be to submit just as PDFs to the hearing examiner's clerk, Sonja Cady maybe a few days before the hearing with an explanation of how this material shows that you're exempt from a FEMA H.A. and meet that particular condition. She will post those PDFs on the County website. More testimony can be provided during the applicant portions of the public hearing as well. I'll cc: Sonja Cady as well. She may have a better idea of how to handle those large PDFs. Those are some pretty large documents that I honestly won't have time to review before turning in my staff report. I've got about 57 public comments or related attachments to go through now. It's going to take some time. Thanks and talk with you soon.

p.s. Sonja. Do you have thoughts about a couple of large attachments that are close to 400 pages together and how to handle that and make sure it's accessible the the H.E., public etc. Could I just forward the attachments to you for when you post them on our website? They could be labeled Exhibits. I'm trying to get the staff report done by tomorrow if possible. I will forward you the PDFs so you can see them. Thank you!!

Scott

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Hello Scott,

Cultivation activities will comply with all terms, conditions, and conservation measures associated with the programmatic consultation for shellfish farming activities in Washington State inland marine waters between the Seattle District Corps of Engineers and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Additionally, Taylor Shellfish employs Environmental Codes of Practice to ensure all activities meet environmental standards.

Documents attached for your reference.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or need anything else for your report.

Happy Holidays,

Erin

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