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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS)

Application Numbers: 778791, 778792, 778793, 778794, and 823304

Parcel Numbers: 0122133078, 0122231065, 0122231067, 0122231071

Proposal: Burley Lagoon Geoduck Farm (Taylor Shellfish Farms)
Shoreline Substantial Development Permit / Shoreline Conditional Use Permit
Case No. SD/CP15-14

Description of proposal: Convert existing shellfish beds from the cultivation of Manila clams and oysters to geoduck clams planted in rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) nursery tubes and/or HDPE flexible mesh nursery tubes throughout a 25.5-acre project area. Predator exclusion netting may also be utilized during some portion of the generalized 6-year grow-out cycle. Planting would be done in phases.

Location of proposal: Burley Lagoon (southern half within unincorporated Pierce County between Henderson Bay and Kitsap County) within the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan areas, within Sections 13 and 23, T22N, R1E, and County Council District #7.

Proponent: Taylor Shellfish Farms

Lead agency: Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department

Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS): The County will issue a FEIS for this proposal on January 6, 2023. This notice is being provided to you, in advance of the issuance date, for your planning purposes. Starting on that date, the FEIS will be available on the Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department webpage at: www.piercecountywa.gov/burleylagoon.

The FEIS has been prepared as a companion to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS was issued on October 4, 2021. The two documents together constitute the County's environmental review of the proposal. The DEIS (including technical reports/appendices) are currently available on the webpage listed above.

Appeal: Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.075, Section 18D.10.080 of Title 18D, Pierce County Development Regulations-Environmental and Chapter 1.22 of Title 1, General Provisions, decisions of the County Responsible Official may be appealed. Appeals are filed with appropriate fees and Notice of Appeal at the Planning and Public Works Department, located at the

Development Center, in the Public Services Building, 2401 South 35th Street, Room 2, Tacoma, WA 98409 or filed electronically at this link: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/903/Apply-for-a-Permit>. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Appeals must be filed within 14 days of the issuance date.

FEIS Issue Date: January 6, 2023 / **FEIS Appeal Deadline:** January 20, 2023

Proposal Timeline: Issuance of the FEIS does not constitute approval of the proposal. Instead, the FEIS will be considered in conjunction with other relevant information (policies, regulations, etc.) to approve or deny the required shoreline permits. The webpage provides a proposal timeline (past and future). Once the FEIS is issued, a public meeting(s) before the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Peninsula Land Use Advisory Commissions will be scheduled. These commissions will make a recommendation(s), to the Pierce County Hearing Examiner, on whether the shoreline permits should be approved or denied. Subsequently, a public hearing(s) before the Hearing Examiner will be held. The Hearing Examiner will make the final County decision as to whether the shoreline permits are approved or denied. The Hearing Examiner will also consider, at the same hearing(s), any appeal(s) of the FEIS.