



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Steve Zimmerman
 Zimmerman Shellfish
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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL on May 10th, 2023

Re: Notice Letter re: Creation of New Artificial GEODUCK Bed PTL_ Zimmerman2

Dear Steve:

The Squaxin Island Tribe greatly appreciates your notice letter dated 4/20/2023, regarding your intent to create an artificial bed of Geoduck ("cultivation activities") on tidelands owned by you, tax parcel id. No. 39000000600. The Tribe also greatly appreciates your assistance in arranging a site visit on May 8, 2023. This letter responds to your notice, which is covered under § 6.3 of the Shellfish Implementation Plan (April 8, 2002), and by the minimum density settlement agreement.

During the assessment conducted on May 8, 2023, the Tribe found that the density value of geoduck on the tidelands does not appear to exceed the minimum density threshold requirement set forth in the implementation order (i.e., .001 geoducks per square foot).

Accordingly, the Tribe has no objection to the cultivation or enhancement activities described in your notice. Please be advised however, that this determination applies only to geoduck, and that if you intend to cultivate or enhance any other species not listed in your notice, you will need to notify the Tribe again under § 6.3 of the Implementation Plan of your intentions to do so. Also, the Tribe reserves all of its rights under the Treaty and federal court orders.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in these matters, and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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