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COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

PROJECT NUMBER NO.: <u>2023103926</u> FOLDER SEQ: <u>23-110180 XA</u> FOLDER SEQ: <u>23-110179 XC</u>

Mailed on: February 23, 2024

Applicant/ Steven and Heather Zimmerman

Point of Contact: 6308 Boardman Road NW

Olympia, WA 98502

Description of Proposal: This project will commercially cultivate geoduck clams on private tidelands between -3.5ft. to +0.5 ft. Mean Lower Low Water tidal elevations. The proposed project area is -.42 acres with about the same area as fallow. Access to the project area occurs by foot or by boat. No nursery structures exist on the project site and all geoduck seed is planted immediately. The only prep work is to clear the beach of sticks and large shells with a rake, where possible.

Location of Proposal: 9625 Steamboat Island Road NW

Tax Parcel Number(s): 39000000600

Legal Description: Section 33 Township 20 Range 2W Quarter SE SW Plat CARLYON BEACH

DIV 1 LT 6 Document 012/009 TOGW 1972 LAMPLIGHTER 48/1

Section/Township/Range: Section 33, Township 20 North, Range 2West

Threshold Determination: This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-

340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14- days from the date of issue. No permits may be issued, and the applicant shall not begin work until after the comment and any appeal periods have expired and any other necessary permits are issued. If conditions are added, deleted, or modified during the 14- day review period, a modified DNS will be issued. Otherwise, this DNS will become final after the expiration of the comment

deadline and appeal period, if applicable.

Mitigating Conditions: See Attached

Jurisdiction: Thurston County

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Website: https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/community-planning-and-economic-development

Lead Agency: Community Planning & Economic Development Department

Responsible Official: Kraig Chalem, Senior Planner

Date of Issuance: February 23, 2024
Comment Deadline: March 8, 2024
Appeal Deadline: March 15, 2024

02/23/2023

Kraig Chalem, Senior Planner

Date

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Appeals: Threshold determinations may be appealed pursuant to TCC 17.09.160 if a written notice of appeal, meeting the requirements of TCC 17.09.160(D), and the appropriate appeal fee are received by the Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development Department prior to 4:00 p.m. on the appeal deadline date shown above. Per TCC 17.09.160(B), only aggrieved parties who submit written comments during the comment period may appeal.

Note: The issuance of this Determination of Non-Significance <u>does not</u> constitute project approval. The applicant must comply with all applicable requirements of Thurston County Departments and/or the Hearing Examiner prior to receiving permits.

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cc: Washington State Department of Ecology – SEPA Section

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Adjacent Property Owners (500 feet)

Nisqually Tribe Squaxin Tribe

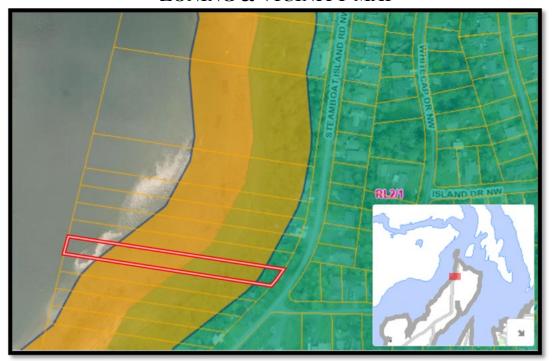
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

Proponent

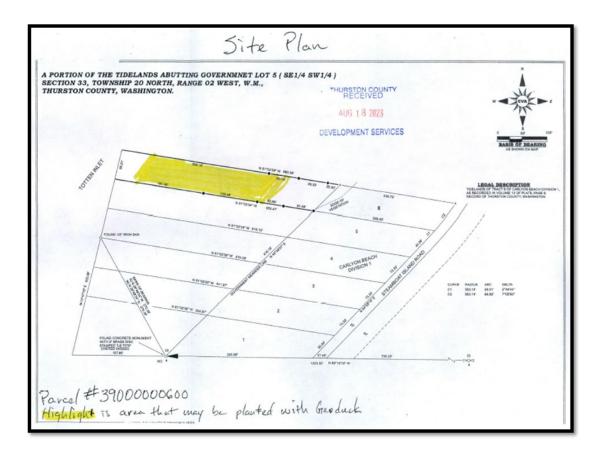
The environmental threshold determination is based on analysis of information contained in the following documents available online for Project No. <u>2023103926</u>:

- 1. Master and JARPA Applications dated, 08.18.2023
- 2. Master and Environmental Checklist dated, 08.18.2023
- 3. Site Plan and Photos, dated 08.18.2023
- 4. Request for Clean Water Act-Section 401 Water Quality Certification, dated 05.14.2023
- 5. Agency Comment Squaxin Island Tribe, dated 05.10.2023





SITE PLAN or PRELIMINARY PLAT MAP



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