



REASONS FOR DECISION

FILE NUMBER: 0278767

APPLICANT: Mac's Oyster's Ltd.

BACKGROUND: The application is for an amendment to an existing 13.03 ha shellfish lease at Tsable River situated between Buckley Bay and Fanny Bay. The proposed amendment is to change infrastructure within the existing tenure boundaries. The tenure size and term will remain unchanged. The application proposes the addition of longlines, rack and bag, oyster storage modules and predator protection tubes for the intertidal cultivation of shellfish. The total new infrastructure proposed equals an increase of 3.92 ha of the infrastructure footprint.

DECISION: PROCESSED – AMENDMENT APPROVED

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Considerations:

Land Use Report (LUR)

- The Land Use Report is complete.
- The applicant has provided the details for a Management Plan.
- The submitted Debris Management Plan meets the Provincial requirements which was preview by the Project Review Team.

Land Act Policy and Procedure

- The Land Use Operational policy for aquaculture was used for this review.
- The application has met all the Crown Land application requirements.
- Crown Land Allocation Principals were considered, and the decision was based on the best information available about the land and its resources in order to be timely, well considered and transparent.

Land Status Review

- Status report was complete and there are no outstanding conflicts.

Referral Responses

- Relevant agencies were sent referral request.
- No constraints were identified during referrals.



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Public Engagement

- Application was advertised in local newspapers and staked on site. Comments received from the public included concerns of potential debris, impacts to fish and fish habitat, environmental impact on Baynes Sound, the highly intensive use of Baynes Sound in the aquaculture industry.

First Nation Consultation

- First Nation consultation is considered complete.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

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All concerns and conflicts related to this application were addressed and/or suitably mitigated. The application satisfies the Crown Land Allocation Principles: Strategic Policy ([allocation_principles.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)).

Based on a review of the considerations listed above this application has been accepted.

DECISION MAKER:

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