

April 28, 2023

Public Meeting Notice
Key Peninsula Land Use Advisory Commission (KPAC) and
Gig Harbor Peninsula Land Use Advisory Commission (PAC)

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

Application Numbers: 778791, 778792, 778793, 778794, 823304, 1004944
Parcel Numbers: 0122133078, 0122231065, 0122231067, 0122231071

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.

Proposal Location: Burley Lagoon. It is a saltwater body within south Puget Sound and located immediately north of and connecting (under the Purdy bridge) with Henderson Bay. The two waterbodies are divided by the Purdy sandspit and State Route 302. The proposal would be located within the southern half of the lagoon within the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan areas. At the time of application, the shoreline environment designations for this portion of the lagoon were Urban, Rural Residential, and Natural. The northern third of the lagoon is located within unincorporated Kitsap County. The proposal would be located approximately ¾ mile from Kitsap County, within Sections 13 and 23, Township 22 North, Range 1 East, in Pierce County Council District #7.

Applicant: Taylor Shellfish Farms, Attn: Erin Ewald: erine@taylorshellfish.com / 360-432-3348

KPAC and PAC Public Meetings: The proposal will be considered at the following meetings:

Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.:

- This meeting will be held in person at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, Gymnasium, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. NW, Vaughn, WA 98394. One may also participate in this meeting remotely. Visit www.Zoom.com and click "Join A Meeting", or call 253-215-8782, then enter the Meeting ID: 915 5550 6834, and Passcode: 253, or follow this link: <https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/91555506834?pwd=WEIxeDQ4TFU5VDdnaFZFY1JuZXJSQT09>
- This will be a joint meeting before the KPAC and PAC. The meeting will first consist of KPAC, PAC and staff introductions, 10-minute overview presentations by the County and Applicant, ground rules, and thereafter public testimony. Of the three meetings, this will be the only one where the public may testify. Instructions to sign up to provide public testimony will be provided upon arrival at the meeting venue and provided online for virtual participants wishing to provide testimony. Testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per individual, slideshows will not be allowed, and this will not be a question/answer session. If possible, please have one spokesperson for those with similar views.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.:

- This meeting will be held in person at the City of Gig Harbor, City Council Chambers, 3510 Grandview St., Gig Harbor, WA 98335. This meeting will not be held remotely.
- This meeting is only before the PAC. The public may attend but there will be no additional public testimony. The primary purpose is for the PAC to ask questions of the County and Applicant, to deliberate, and make a recommendation on the proposal.

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.:

- This meeting will be held in person at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, Gymnasium, 17010 S. Vaughn Rd. NW, Vaughn, WA 98394. This meeting will not be held remotely.
- This meeting is only before the KPAC. The public may attend but there will be no additional public testimony. The primary purpose is for the KPAC to ask questions of the County and Applicant, to deliberate, and make a recommendation on the proposal.

Purpose of the Public Meetings: The purpose is for the KPAC/PAC to receive testimony and subsequently make a recommendation on whether the required County shoreline permit(s) should be approved, approved with modifications, or denied. Their recommendations will be considered, at a minimum, by the Pierce County Hearing Examiner.

Environmental Review: On January 6, 2023, the County issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposal. This concluded the County's required environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). On January 20, 2023, an appeal of the FEIS was filed. However, the KPAC/PAC do not make recommendations on appeals.

Future Pierce County Hearing Examiner Public Hearings: In addition to the meetings above, the Examiner will hold a public hearing(s) in the second half of 2023 (estimated). The Examiner will also allow additional public testimony. Further, written comments regarding the shoreline permit(s) are still being accepted until that time. The Examiner will make the final County decision as to whether the shoreline permit(s), and FEIS appeal, are approved or denied.

More information: The County has created a webpage for this proposal at the following link: www.piercecountywa.gov/burleylagoonfarm. The Zoom link can also be found on this web page.

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Pierce County Online Permit Information:

www.piercecountywa.gov/burleylagoonfarmpermit



A report prepared by County staff will be available five days prior to the scheduled meeting date and may be accessed by following the link or QR code above.