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Committee Amendment No. 1
Proposed Ordinance No. 2013-45s3
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Date: March 2, 2015

To: **Community Development Committee**
Rick Talbert, Chair
Douglas G. Richardson, Member
Connie Ladenburg, Member
Jim McCune, Member

From: Derek Young, Council District No. 7

Hearing Date: March 2, 2015

Attachments: NA

Subject: **Proposed amendments to Exhibit G concerning Aquaculture.**

The following amendments to Exhibit G to Ordinance No. 2013-45s3 would modify several regulations relating to aquaculture.

1. On page 44 of Exhibit G, starting on line 29, insert the following new standard and renumber the remaining standards sequentially.
 5. Aquaculture activity boundaries shall be illustrated on a site plan that includes a depiction of the real property boundaries consistent with the legal description of the property. Aquaculture activity boundaries and property corners shall be staked according to Chapter 58.17 RCW and Chapter 332-130 WAC.
2. On page 45 of Exhibit G, line 3 following "moorage," insert "recreation," to show as follows:
 8. Aquaculture activities shall not substantially and materially conflict with areas devoted to legally established water-dependent uses of the aquatic environment. Such uses include, but are not limited to, navigation, moorage, recreation, sport or commercial fishing, underwater utilities, and scientific research.
3. On page 47 of Exhibit G, line 13, following "south" insert "and west" to show as follows:
 3. New finfish aquaculture involving net pens for anadromous species, shall be prohibited throughout Pierce County marine waters located south and west of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

4. On page 74 of Exhibit G, in Table 18S.60.030-1, Note (2), delete “and subject to an Administrative Conditional Use Permit abutting Conservancy SEDs” as shown in strikeout text as follows:

(2) Aquaculture is prohibited in Aquatic SEDs abutting Natural SEDs ~~and subject to an Administrative Conditional Use Permit abutting Conservancy SEDs.~~

5. On page 93 of Exhibit G, line 4 following “qualified” insert “independent third party” to show as follows:

C. **Baseline Information.** A qualified **independent third party** professional with specific experience in aquaculture or in marine or freshwater studies, as applicable to the specific aquaculture proposal shall be retained to provide a review of baseline ecological conditions. Experience may be demonstrated through professional credentials and/or certification or applicable education from a recognized university.

6. On page 93 of Exhibit G, line 41 following “qualified” insert “independent third party” to show as follows:

2. Monitoring shall be provided by a qualified **independent third party** professional to determine compliance with the established performance standards or conditions of any land use approval.

7. On page 94 of Exhibit G, line 7, delete “subsequent to” and insert “in conjunction with” to show as follows:

b. The duration and frequency of monitoring shall be unique to each proposal; however, in general, monitoring shall occur **in conjunction with** ~~subsequent to~~ bed preparation, staging, seeding, and harvest activities and for a period of time sufficient to verify compliance with performance standards. Duration and frequency shall be reduced when the applicant demonstrates that, relative to their proposal, these activities, whether singly or in combination, do not serve as a potential stressor to the following functional attributes of the intertidal zone: reduction in forage fish habitat, alteration to benthic community structure, reduction in forage availability and migration habitat, or reduction in water quality.