SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

October 19, 2026

Erin Seyfried- Manager
NPDES Permitting Section
EPA Region 10
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Squaxin Island Tribe Section 401 Certification for Salish Seafoods NPDES Permit No. WA0037320

Dear Ms. Seyfriend:

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), the Squaxin Island Tribe's Natural Resources Department certifies that the proposed modification of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Salish Seafoods (Permit No. WA0037320) will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the CWA and the Tribe's Water Quality Standards. Areas covered under this permit include tribal trust lands, namely Peale Passage. This certification is valid for five years from the date of this letter.

The Squaxin Island Tribe's Public Notice Process:

On September 18, 2026, the Tribe received a request for certification from the Environmental Protection Agency. On October 19, 2026, the Tribe issued a public notice regarding the proposed project and provided the opportunity for the public to submit comments until November 18, 2026. The notice was posted on our squaxinisland.org website. Public comments were received, and responded to in written form. [Insert description of public notice and comment process, including if there was a public hearing and/or if the Tribe received any public comments. Include any information in response to public comments.]

If you have any further questions, please contact me at awhitener@squaxin.us and emarbet@squaxin.us.

Sincerely,

Andy Whitener
Director
Squaxin Island Tribe
Natural Resources Department