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### **PCSGA Applauds US-EU Bivalve Trade Agreement**

Trade Agreement Opens Door for Washington Shellfish Sales to Spain and Netherlands

Olympia, Washington – A new trade agreement between the United States (US) and the European Union (EU) will mean new markets for Washington shellfish farmers including Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association members. Today’s announcement, which opens the door for Washington oysters, clams and mussels to be sold in Spain and the Netherlands, resumes trade that was previously permitted but stopped in 2010.

“We sincerely appreciate the efforts of USTR Ambassador Tai and her staff as well as the support from the Biden Administration, FDA, NOAA and USDA and their counterparts in Europe to meet food safety standards on both continents to allow for the resumption of trade,” noted Kyle Lentz, PCSGA Vice President and owner of Chelsea Farms. “Meeting the EU’s unmet demand positions Washington’s shellfish industry to diversify our markets while providing critical local jobs across Washington State. Thank you to Senators Cantwell and Murray, Representatives Herrera Beutler and Kilmer, and all those who made this possible.”

Shellfish farms throughout Washington will be able to resume sales to customers in Europe on February 24, 2022.

“We have customers calling, excited to receive our products once again,” commented Bill Dewey of Taylor Shellfish Farms. “We had robust sales to Europe in 2010 and look forward to resuming trade. This has been a long time coming.”

While this initial trade agreement only permits sales of bivalves from Washington and Massachusetts to the EU, it is anticipated this will be expanded to include other PCSGA members in Alaska, Oregon and California.

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#### About PCSGA

Founded in 1930, the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association (PCSGA) represents growers in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii. PCSGA works on behalf of its members on a broad spectrum of issues, including environmental protection, shellfish safety, regulations, technology and marketing.

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