

SECTION 3.104: ESTUARY CONSERVATION AQUACULTURE ZONE (ECA)

- (1) **PURPOSE AND AREAS INCLUDED:** The purpose of the ECA Zone is to promote the continuing utilization of designated shellfish culture areas, while providing for low-intensity, water-dependent recreation, commercial and recreational fishing and crabbing and protecting the significant biological productivity of major tracts of fish and wildlife habitat and areas needed for scientific, research or educational purposes.

Except where a goal exception has been taken in the Tillamook County Comprehensive Plan, the ECA Zone includes the following areas:

- (a) Areas which are in existing aquaculture use and which are subject to a valid oyster growing lease from the State of Oregon pursuant to ORS 622.
 - (b) Other areas suitable for aquaculture which do not qualify as natural management units.
- (2) **USES PERMITTED WITH STANDARDS:** The following uses are permitted subject to the procedure of Section 3.120 and the standards in Section 3.140:
- (a) Aquaculture facilities limited to temporary or easily removed bottom or in the water column structures (stakes, racks, trays, longlines or rafts) or ground culture aquaculture.
 - (b) Navigational aid.
- (3) **USES PERMITTED CONDITIONALLY:** The following uses may be permitted subject to the procedures of Section 3.120 and Article 6 and the standards in Section 3.140:
- (a) Active restoration and estuarine enhancement.
 - (b) Structural shoreline stabilization, limited to riprap.
 - (c) Temporary alterations.
- (4) **REGULATED ACTIVITIES:** The following Regulated Activities are permitted subject to the procedure of Section 3.120 and the standards in Section 3.140:
- (a) Piling installation for:
 - 1. Anchoring of bottom or in-the-water structures used for aquaculture.
 - 2. Navigational aids.

- (b) Regulated Activities in conjunction with an approved active restoration project or estuarine enhancement.
- (c) Riprap for structural shoreline stabilization.
- (d) Incidental dredging for harvest of benthic species or removal of in-water structures such as stakes or racks.