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I spoke with DNR yesterday and this is what I have found out so far...

As we discussed the other day, DNR has provided a lease on Refuge deeded tidelands to the Jamestown Tribe. The head of land leases is looking into the terms of the lease. He said that they do not normally let leases until a permit has been obtained from the Army Corps. However, this one seems to have been allowed without that permit. He said that he thought the Tribe did not think they needed a permit because of their status as a sovereign nation. He also said that he did not believe that the Army Corps agreed with that assessment when the harvest is commercial. The lease is set to run out in 2017.

Kelly Toy with Jamestown Tribe left me a message yesterday that they are planning to place several oyster bags out on the lease and cover another portion of it with predator control netting. She sounded as if they were moving forward. We have spoken with Army Corps and as far as we have been told, there is currently no permit for this area.

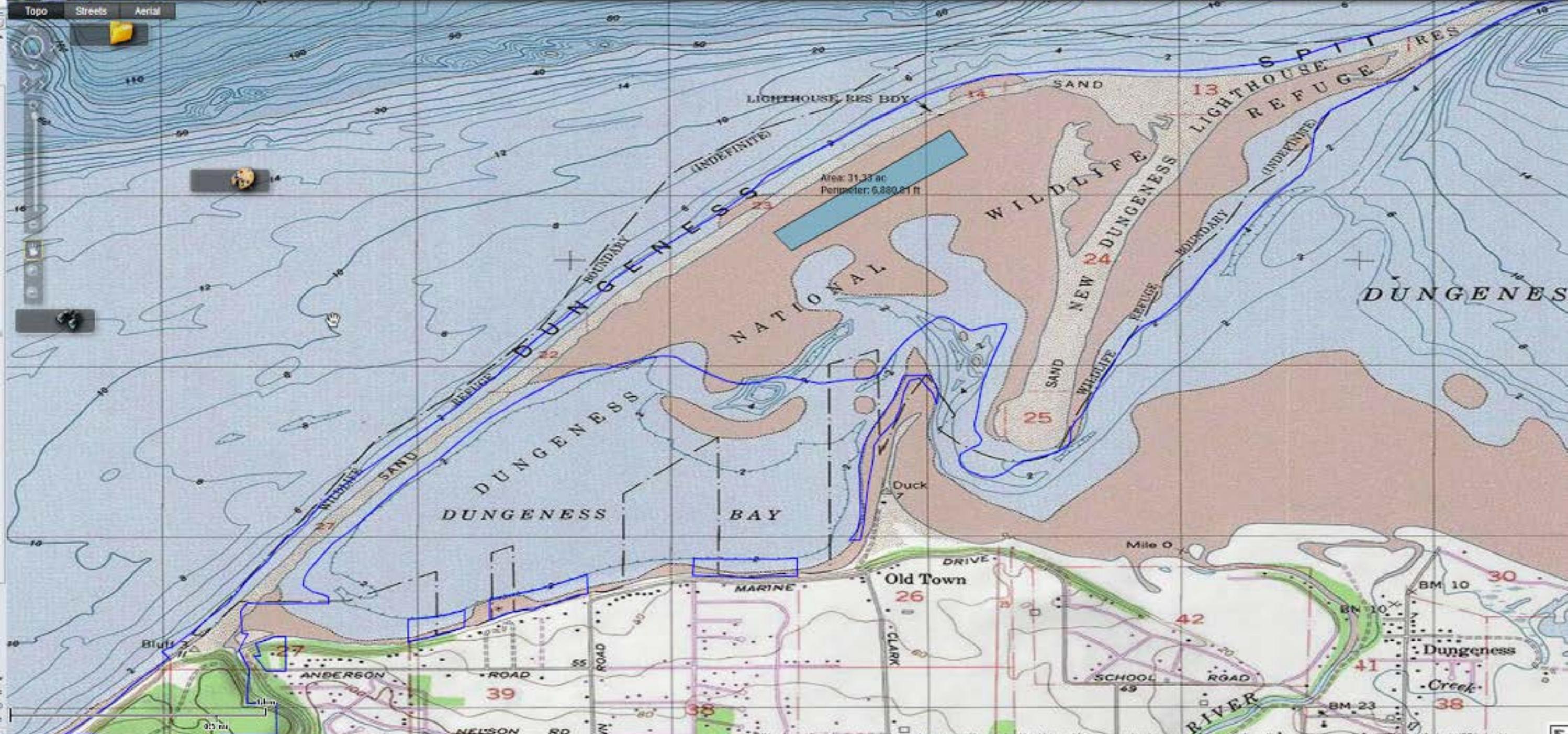
As we discussed, the Refuge does not have any NEPA coverage for commercial aquaculture. We do have a CD for recreational shellfish harvest and subsistence harvest by tribes in the CCP, but not commercial harvest. The proposed area is within a portion of the Refuge waters that are only open to no wake boating May 15 - September 30 and closed to all boating during the rest of the year because of their value to wintering waterfowl. It is adjacent to a portion of the spit (both Dungeness and Graveyard) that is closed to all access all year because of its importance to wildlife (shorebirds and waterfowl). I have attached a map of the general lease area below (I am going to contact David Hills today to see if he can place it on the map in its exact location for me) as well as our regulations map.

I have a call into Nathan Dexter to discuss. It might be good to have a conference call or face to face with Kim/Kevin in the next few weeks so we are all headed in the same direction as we move forward.

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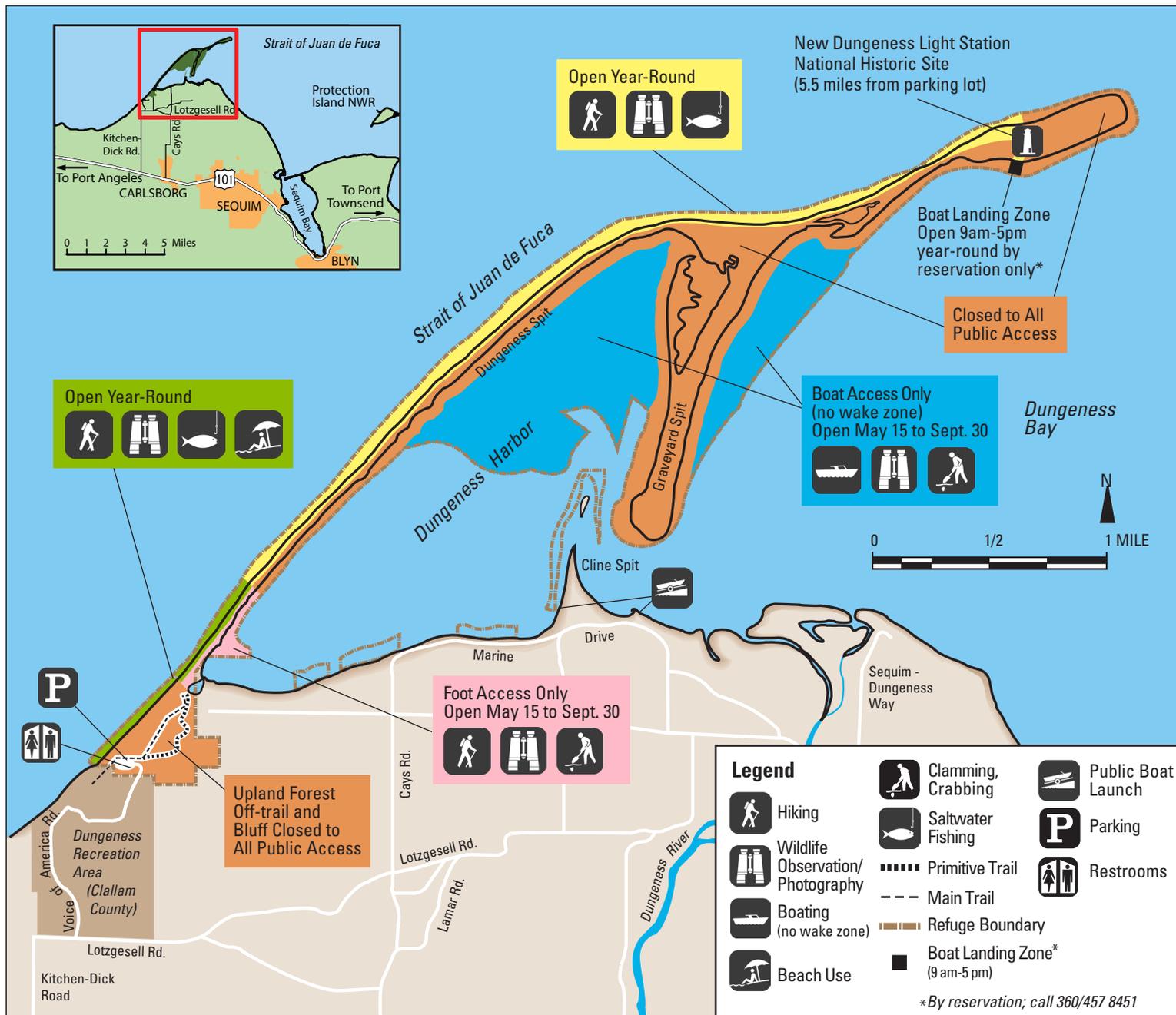


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# Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge

## A Haven for Wildlife

In Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, one of the world's longest natural sand spits softens the rough sea waves to form a shallow, quiet bay and harbor rich in marine life. These calm waters and tideflats provide wildlife protection from winds and pounding surf and a place to rest and feed. Eelgrass beds supply food for large flocks of brant and create a nursery for young salmon and steelhead. Refuge tideflats teem with migrating shorebirds in spring and fall while an impressive diversity of waterfowl congregate in the tranquil waters throughout the winter.



## A Place for Wildlife and People

Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, one in a system of National Wildlife Refuges throughout the country, protects critical habitat for wildlife and provides viewing opportunities for people. To ensure that wildlife continue to have a place to rest and feed, some recreational activities are allowed only in

selected areas during certain times of the year. Portions of the Refuge are closed for public safety and to provide sanctuary for wildlife during critical feeding, resting, and nesting times. Visit the Refuge during different seasons to see the variety of wildlife that use Refuge habitats.