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To: [McReynolds, Ryan](#)
Cc: [BrownScott, Jennifer](#); [Teachout, Emily](#); [Tanner, Curtis](#); [Stenvall, Charlie](#); [Norman, Kate](#)
Subject: Re: (URGENT) [EXTERNAL] Dungeness Bay - Jamestown S"Klallam Tribe Project Letter
Date: Friday, July 31, 2020 8:26:53 AM

Hi Ryan,

Thanks for taking a look into the issues identified in the letter. I received a voice message from Charlie Stenvall today and still need to coordinate with him. There may be some additional issues at play that we need to learn about from Refuges before we can provide an answer back to the Tribe. I will let you know what I learn early next week. Jennifer may know more as well if you or Emily talk with her before next week.

Thanks
Brad

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On Jul 30, 2020, at 3:41 PM, McReynolds, Ryan <ryan_mcreynolds@fws.gov> wrote:

Hello Jennifer, Just following-up on the matter mentioned in voicemail.

Hi Emily, Thank you for forwarding the JSKT's July 30 letter to R9 Director Thorson.

Last week we had some internal discussions (Refuge and Lacey Field Office), because the Corps had posed a question or two about ESA consultation on the Tribe's permit/proposal. I believe, on the central question, we conveyed back to the Corps that the Corps should act as the federal lead for the ESA consultation.

If I understand and interpret this July 30 letter (attached) correctly, and the longer history of related issues for this permit/proposal, the Tribe has provided a description of the specific procedures and outcomes they propose to satisfy the beach patrol and debris removal requirements (Conservation Measure #22) of the Programmatic Opinion (Corps-Permitted Shellfish Activities in WA Marine Waters).

I have reviewed the July 30 letter; I believe it outlines specific procedures for beach patrol and debris removal that should be effective.

Furthermore, I believe these specific procedures for beach patrol and debris removal are broadly consistent with the intent of Conservation Measure #22 from the Programmatic Opinion.

If the Tribe, the Refuge, the Corps, and our Field Office all agree these beach patrol and debris removal procedures and outcomes are workable, I don't know of any reason why the Tribe's permit/proposal cannot be covered for ESA purposes by the Programmatic Opinion (Corps-Permitted Shellfish Activities in WA Marine Waters).

I've cc'd Curtis and Brad, because looking into these matters came as an assignment from the Region office, and because I may not be available to continue work on this assignment again until Monday (AL tomorrow/Friday).

Please let me know if you have questions, or if we need to put our heads together, before offering a response to the Tribe that will show our alignment and intended path forward.

Thank You - Ryan -

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letter

Hi Ryan - Please see the thread below from Robyn and review the letter from the Tribe. Seems a pretty straightforward ask. Please assess and let me know your recommended response ASAP. Or, if it is more complicated than it appears to my comparatively untrained eye, let me know that too.

Thanks!

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To ES for appropriate action.

There is/was a refuge issue here for years; now ESA. Thanks for sharing info between programs as appropriate, particularly re: relationships.

Thank you.

Robyn Thorson, Regional Director
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Tribe project letter

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Good morning Robyn,
Ron Allen asked me to forward the attached letter directly to your
attention. This is regarding the Tribe's return to shellfish farming in
Dungeness Bay; specifically related to sect 7 consultation. We left the
matter hanging last year, and now it requires attention. This summer
everyday circumstances are challenging, I hope you are well. Hansi
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