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Charlie and Jennifer

could you look into this and let me know if this changes anything at Dungeness issue.

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From: **Thorson, Robyn** <robyn_thorson@fws.gov>
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From the Enviro Law news feed:

"A Washington federal judge has said that an Army Corps of Engineers permit allowing shellfish aquaculture is unlawful in the state, finding the agency's determination that the nationwide permit would have a minimal environmental impact is not supported by the evidence presented."

I am interested in knowing if this has particular impact to the Washington Maritime NWR oyster farming issue and (if so) what does it mean for Corps/State/County permits, what does it mean to the Tribe, etc. I don't know if this case is about the nationwide permit application in Washington State, or the entire nationwide permit, or a particular permit in Washington...or (heavens!) was this a ruling by a Federal judge in Washington DC (and not Washington State)?

This is NOT a rush at all: situational awareness.

THANK YOU.

RT

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