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Subject: Fw: From Hansi re: Dungeness Bay - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe project letter
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thanks Robyn. Very happy Frank gets to play an expanded role in this as he has had background involvement since the beginning.

This is a different action than getting a lease for a shellfish farm on state lands where we don't control the lease. The action (aka proposed use) would be to access the refuge (ie beaches) to conduct aquaculture debris clean up activities per their section 7 requirements. Under the NWRSA they would need some type of refuge specific approval (ie special use permit being the normal mechanism), this would then lead us to the requirement for determining if that use (Marine debris cleanup in a closed area) is an appropriate use and is then compatible with the purposes of the refuge and the mission of the NWR. Also need NEPA, Sec 7, NHPA etc... Many of the other environmental requirements may be met by adopting the Army Corps compliance docs. Compatibility determinations are on us.

Jennifer is prepared to work with the tribe and figure out how to get to yes (if at all possible). She will do a CD and follow our public comment process.

Kevin

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FYI: see Hansi's comment about compatibility. Hansi will be engaging with Jennifer and Emily; this question will arise there.

RT

Robyn Thorson

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Dungeness Bay - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe project letter

Thank you very much Robyn. I am back from my ann leave and will reach out to both Emily and Jennifer directly. I am slightly confused by the compatibility determination – given that the DNWR did not conduct that determination before despite the active commercial farm.

Jennifer and I discussed this at one time, and theorized that because it was WA DNR ownership of aquatic land, the shellfish farm was outside of requirement for the compatibility determination. Regardless, I'll move forward with both Emily and Jennifer.

Hansi Hals

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From: Thorson, Robyn <robyn_thorson@fws.gov>

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Dungeness Bay - Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe project letter

Hansi:

I will be sending Chairman Allen a written reply to the letter that you forwarded in me on July 30. Meanwhile, we're ready to start working with you on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's review and actions on your plan.

Ron and I had a good conversation on the phone today. I understand that the Tribe wants to move forward promptly with the processes that involve the Service. We can do that. We believe you have developed a good plan and we want to work with you to address matters that can streamline Service review and yield benefits for your planning. I told Ron I would follow up with you, to link in our Fish and Wildlife Service team.

There are two Fish and Wildlife Service programs/processes involved and we are committed to the two programs working together with you, so you're not dealing with one after the other (and instead we can synchronize input, review and comments): this should be more efficient and effective. For Endangered Species Act compliance, the Service's point of contact is Emily Teachout, who works in our office in Lacey, Washington: emily_teachout@fws.gov; (360)

489-5810. For compatibility with the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Washington Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, the point of contact is Jennifer Brown-Scott:

jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov; (360) 457-8451.

If you'll connect with them, they will coordinate the Service's roles in review of your plan. I have great confidence in each of them, and in their coordination together: I look forward to their productive collaboration with you.

Robyn

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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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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Dungeness Bay project letter

Good Morning Everyone,

Attached is the letter Robyn has referenced. Please let me know if I can assist with anything else.

Kindest Regards,

Chanelle

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On Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 9:19 AM Robyn Thorson <robyn_thorson@fws.gov> wrote:

I signed it yesterday afternoon. Chanelle will forward it ASAP.

(Chanelle: send to everyone on this email).

FWS withdrew letters 1 and 2 and replaced it with new/last letter. We state no objection.

We reference reports mindful of the analysis from Tribe from our prior citations, plus our own trimming of past referenced work. We state our role, removing any implication of regulation in this matter, and note science review allows for range of opinion.

I apologize for delay; travel and some difficult circumstances tripped me up (my fault). I am in the office the rest of this week.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2019, at 5:49 PM, W Ron. Allen <rallen@jamestowntribe.org> wrote:

Robin,

I trust all is well. I thought you said we'd see you letter by July 31st. Did I miss understand? We're getting ready to talk to USACE on their permit and it would be helpful to have your letter in hand.

Thanks, Ron

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chair/CEO

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