

**From:** [Hansi Hals](#)  
**To:** [BrownScott, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination  
**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 9:40:45 AM

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Yes please, let's include Emily. Hansi

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**From:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 9:36:41 AM  
**To:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination  
My office number should work.

Emily Teachout from our Ecological Services office is also available to answer any USFWS Endangered Species questions you may have. If you are okay with having her on the call, I'll conference her in.

-jennifer

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**From:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination  
Thanks Jennifer – I'll call you at 2pm on Friday. If a cell is better, just send me that number; otherwise, I'll call you at DNWR number.  
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**From:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination  
I have time available Friday at 2pm.

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**From:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination  
Yes, Friday afternoon is wide open for me.  
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**From:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination  
Just back into the office today and out again tomorrow (dealing with some family health issues). Are you available for a conversation on Friday?  
-jennifer

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**From:** Hansi Hals <[hhals@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:hhals@jamestowntribe.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 11:26 AM

**To:** BrownScott, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_brownScott@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_brownScott@fws.gov)>

**Cc:** Teachout, Emily <[emily\\_teachout@fws.gov](mailto:emily_teachout@fws.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Jamestown Tribe - Dung Bay oyster farm renewal - compatibility determination

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Jennifer,

As you know, Robyn Thorson has directed that USFWS synchronize ESA compliance and compatibility determination for the Tribe's return to its oyster farm operation in Dungeness Bay. Can you please let me know what is needed on your end for the compatibility determination? I know you have a deep understanding of the project by this time and familiarity with the application and associated materials.

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

She has not reached out to us. Robyn did say Hansi was out of the office. Probably isn't an issue to wait.

Thanks for the offer

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2020, at 10:36 AM, Hansi Hals <[hhals@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:hhals@jamestowntribe.org)> wrote:

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.  
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**From:** Thorson, Robyn <[robyn\\_thorson@fws.gov](mailto:robyn_thorson@fws.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2020 4:27 PM

**To:** Hansi Hals <[hhals@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:hhals@jamestowntribe.org)>

**Cc:** BrownScott, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_brownscott@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov)>; Teachout, Emily <[emily\\_teachout@fws.gov](mailto:emily_teachout@fws.gov)>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Robyn Thorson**  
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**From:** Hansi Hals <[hhals@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:hhals@jamestowntribe.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 7:38 AM  
**To:** Johnston, Chanelle M <[chanelle\\_johnston@fws.gov](mailto:chanelle_johnston@fws.gov)>; Thorson, Robyn <[robyn\\_thorson@fws.gov](mailto:robyn_thorson@fws.gov)>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dungeness Bay - Jamestown S'Klallam 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.

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**From:** Johnston, Chanelle <[chanelle\\_johnston@fws.gov](mailto:chanelle_johnston@fws.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 9:32 AM

**To:** Robyn Thorson <[robyn\\_thorson@fws.gov](mailto:robyn_thorson@fws.gov)>

**Cc:** W Ron. Allen <[rallen@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:rallen@jamestowntribe.org)>; Hansi Hals <[hhals@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:hhals@jamestowntribe.org)>; Kurt Grinnell <[k\\_grinnell@msn.com](mailto:k_grinnell@msn.com)>; Elizabeth Tobin <[etobin@jamestowntribe.org](mailto:etobin@jamestowntribe.org)>; Mary Abrams <[mary\\_abrams@fws.gov](mailto:mary_abrams@fws.gov)>

**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](mailto: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.

Robyn Thorson, Regional Director

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

**Robin,**

**I trust all is well. I thought you said we'd see your letter by July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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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