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Thanks for the clarification. Does Willapa manage any uses on those tidelands?

-jennifer

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On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 9:52 AM, Stenvall, Charlie <charlie_stenvall@fws.gov> wrote:

By the way ... I was at a meeting last week with Jackie and apparently she had been telling you that use deeded tidelands don't exist at Willapa. I let her know they did and were covered by three different agreements with the the State and that DNR does lease out tidelands for shellfish within those tidelands.

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On Mon, May 21, 2018 at 12:43 PM, BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov> wrote:

The documentation that supports the oral history tying Brant to the establishment of Dungeness NWR is as follows:

A report from ornithologist Walter Taylor. He stated that during November - February 1913/1914, "no less than 3,000 black brants are reported to have been killed in the vicinity of Smith Island [20 miles from Dungeness] by hunters who pursued them by the use of power boats..."

A 1915 Report of the Department of the Interior mentioned that Dungeness Spit was established as a reservation for the protection of native birds and stated that it acted, not so much breeding grounds for native birds as asylums and refuges for vast numbers of waterfowl, which rest there during heavy storms and during migrating seasons. At these times they have been persecuted mercilessly by market hunters."

The refuge was established in 1915 "...as a refuge, preserve and breeding ground for native birds".

Additional information would probably be available in the Woodrow Wilson Papers, or other reports from the Bureau of Biological Survey. Unfortunately, they are not available online.

Thanks for asking the question.

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