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Subject: recent forage fish data for Dungeness Harbor
Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 4:00:35 PM
Attachments: [HerringSpawnSince1980DungBay-sm.jpg](#)
[WDFW-JST Forage Fish Survey Email.pdf](#)

Hi Todd,

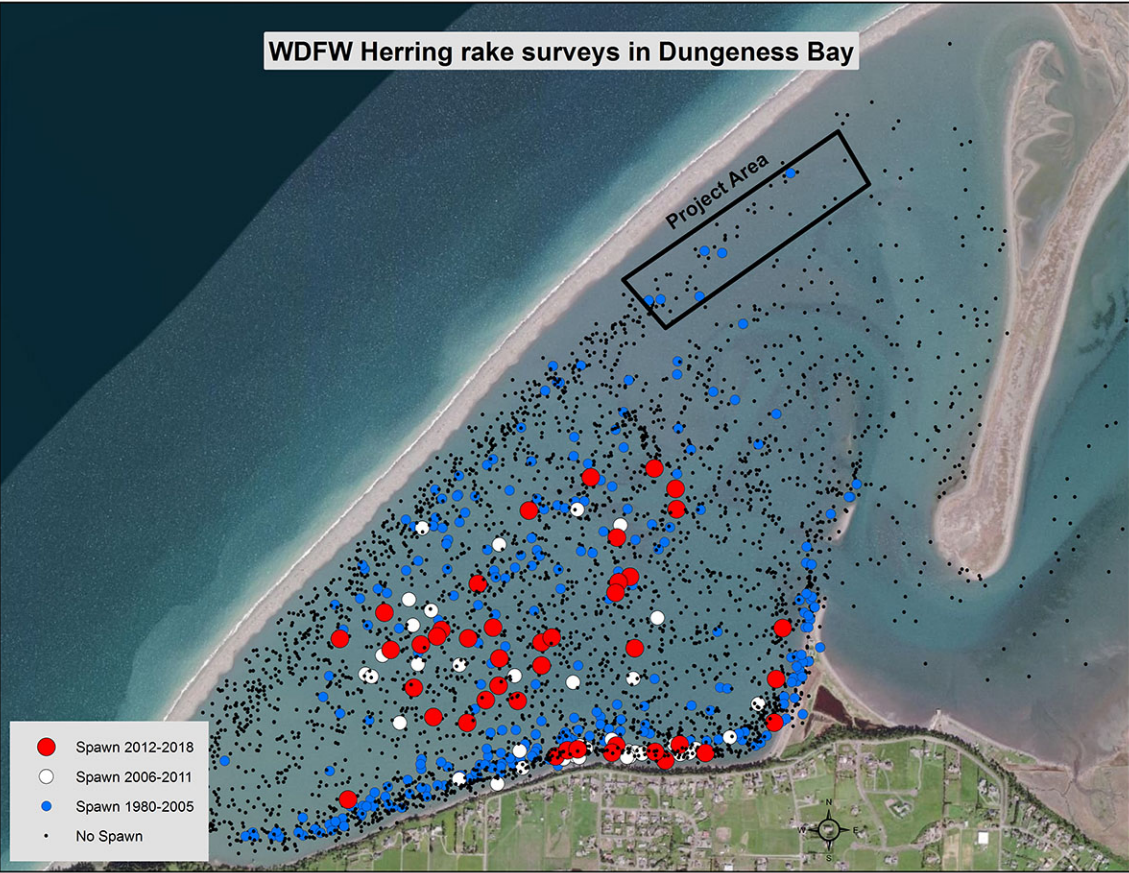
My apologies for sending this email during the busy field season.

Unfortunately, we are working under a tight timeline to document forage fish distribution within Dungeness Harbor for an aquaculture farm and I'm working on providing the most current data & metadata. You shared the attached info on herring spawning distribution on 4/2019 and I'm wondering if these data have been provided in a recent report. If so, can you forward when you get a moment? Anything that provides more detail on the data points for the record would be appreciated.

Thanks for your help and hope you had time to get out in the field this year,
Sue

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WDFW Herring rake surveys in Dungeness Bay





[EXTERNAL] FW: Forage Fish Surveys

1 message

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Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 12:47 PM

Hi Sue- here is the map we sent, and the email thread below. As far as sand lance and surf smelt spawning, I haven't replied to them yet but the map is at (scroll to the bottom): <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/marine-beach-spawning>

And you can click on any area to bring up historical survey data for that point.

Cheers-

Todd

Please note that the 2019 herring season is underway with significant field work scheduled. As a result I may be slow to reply to email until mid-April. I will respond to you as soon as possible!

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Cc: Lindquist, Adam P (DFW) <Adam.Lindquist@dfw.wa.gov>; Zitomer, Danielle R (DFW) <Danielle.Zitomer@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: RE: Forage Fish Surveys

Hi Todd,

We are very appreciative of you providing this historical herring spawning map for Dungeness Bay. We are looking to acquire the most accurate and updated information available on forage fish spawning in the area to better inform our discussions with USFWS and site-specific conservation measures. Do you have any additional information that you could share on Surf Smelt or Sand Lance spawn in Dungeness Bay? It is no problem if you don't have this information, we just want to make sure we are working with the best available forage fish data to guide our planning and discussions.

Thank you,
Elizabeth

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Subject: RE: Forage Fish Surveys

Hi Kelly- apologies for the delay. Attached is a map Adam made of historical herring spawn in that area. As you will see there has been spawn documented within the project area, though in the 1980-2005 historical window. We don't survey that part of the bay as frequently b/c of the pilings and bottom debris pose a risk for hanging up the sampling rake.

The 25ft setback from eelgrass doesn't seem adequate within that tide range, but most of the recent spawning activity is not in the proposed area. I have CC'd the DFW habitat biologist for that region here to keep everyone in the loop; since this is a matter of federal and tribal projects, I'm not sure how much the state needs to be involved. Please let me know if we can provide any other info-

Todd

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Todd,

I know you are busy but when do you think you can get the forage fish information to us? We have a meeting coming up soon and it would be extremely helpful. Thanks.

Kelly

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Hi Kelly- apologies for the delay in responding, your email got sent to my junk folder. I've asked Adam to update our maps of spawning areas in Dungeness bay. Spawning there has been low in recent years but I'll need to check the maps to give an opinion on potential impacts.

I'm in the field every day but will get back to you later in the week.

Todd

Sent from mi Ifone

On Mar 20, 2019, at 5:25 PM, Kelly Toy <ktoy@jamestowntribe.org> wrote:

Hi Todd,

Don Velasquez sent me your contact information. Jamestown staff are in need of information concerning forage fish and potential impacts. We are in the middle of addressing comments to the re-opening of our oyster farm in Dungeness Bay. The USFWS Wildlife refuge is setting a 2,000 foot action area along the inner bay that includes our oyster farm. The refuge feels that the farm will impact forage fish which are prey items for birds. We do have best management practices that would avoid spawning area and eggs that may attach to our oyster bags. The first thing we would like to know is if you have any maps documenting where forage fish have spawned in Dungeness Bay and secondly, your professional opinion about potential impacts. The farm is between and +3 and -2.5 tidal elevation with a 25 ft. buffer from eel grass. I've attached a map so you can see the general area. We appreciate any information you can give us. Thanks.

Kelly

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<Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm.pdf>



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