

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Gores, Alanna  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 8:20 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's plans for oyster farm

Hi Greg,

Forwarding the comment below at an FYI. I'm not sure if you need it or not.

Loni

-----Original Message-----

From: Jones, Jim  
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 8:11 AM  
To: 'nancyehahn@aol.com'  
Cc: Gores, Alanna  
Subject: RE: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's plans for oyster farm

Ms. Hahn,

I will certainly pass on your request to each of our commissioners, but I don't know that Clallam County has any authority to grant such a request. May I ask what you would like us to do?

Sincerely,

Jim Jones, Jr.  
Clallam County Administrator

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Hahn [<mailto:nancyehahn@aol.com>]  
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 6:26 PM  
To: Jones, Jim  
Subject: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's plans for oyster farm

To: [jjones@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:jjones@co.clallam.wa.us) (Clallam County)

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Name: Nancy Hahn

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Subject: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's plans for oyster farm

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 55  
DATE 4/26/18

Comments: I am requesting that the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe be allowed to re-establish the oyster farm within the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. I believe this is a valuable resource for the tribe and they will take care of the environment and properly address any concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Hahn  
630 East 4th Street  
Port Angeles, Wa.  
98362

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:12 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 56  
DATE 4/26/18

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Barry [<mailto:mbjunk@wavecable.com>]  
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2018 8:30 PM  
To: zDCDplan  
Subject: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

To: [dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us) (Clallam County Community Development Case # SHR2017-00011)

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Michael Barry  
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251 Brittany Lane  
SEQUIM WA 98382

Some additional items need to be looked at and remedied. Tribe says it will minimize disturbance to eelgrass beds that are important to the ecology of birds, fish and other aquatic life. It is much more than that. The area is next to a very important national wildlife refuge - DWR. Its more than protecting the eelgrass food supply, its about minimizing disturbance to the wildlife. The oyster farm will increase use in the area thus increasing disturbance thus affecting the wildlife and bird populations. DWR is not only important to the wildlife but the people who enjoy the values of our wildlife refuges.

It will be very close to areas like Cline Spit/Island and Graveyard Spit both very important to birds and sea mammals. The public isn't allowed on the bay side of the spit because of disturbance, but tribe members for the oyster farm will be in area causing disturbance. This violates the purpose of the wildlife refuge. People from all over stop at Dungeness Landing County Park not to observe tribal boats and workers but to view the scenery and wildlife. Despite what the tribe says, there will be environmental impacts from additional pollution that will occur with the addition of the oyster farm - there will be ecological impacts thus affects on the wildlife and birds in the area and people who enjoy seeing them. Our natural areas and wildlife populations are declining including on the Olympic peninsula. I am against the addition of this oyster farm and urge protection of the area adjacent to the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:13 AM  
**To:** Gray, Steve; Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment:SHR 2017-0011 (External Email: USE Caution)

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**From:** Janet Bruening [<mailto:janetibruening@olypen.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 5:06 PM  
**To:** zDCDplan  
**Subject:** Public Comment:SHR 2017-0011 (External Email: USE Caution)

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 57  
DATE 4-26-18

To Mr. Steve Gray

Deputy Director/Planning Manager

Re: SEPA Comments

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my opposition to a commercial oyster farm in Dungeness Bay. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

has been an important and valuable partner in Clallam County thru their many restoration projects and clean water monitoring efforts.

They have built Medical & dental facilities which has benefitted the entire County.

It is the location of this proposed Oyster farming within the boundary of the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge that I find alarming.

No matter how many assurances the Tribes biologists give that wildlife will not be adversely impacted, eel grass beds will not be harmed and

water quality will not suffer, accidents and carelessness seems to be routine when it comes to caring for our oceans.

The very heart of a wildlife refuge is provide a safe place , a "REFUGE" for wildlife. The Tribe needs to find another location for this venture.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Janet Bruening

192 Sundial Loop, Sequim, Wa.

(360) 683-7014

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health and dental

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:13 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011/Oppose (External Email: USE Caution)

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**From:** Cheryl Loran [<mailto:jvlcm1@live.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** zDCDplan  
**Subject:** Public Comment: SHR2017-00011/Oppose (External Email: USE Caution)

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 58  
DATE 4-26-18

I oppose the Oyster Farm being in the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Area. I have not had the time to confirm the information I have been hearing on the bad affects of an Oyster Farm in the bay area. But I think the opposing information brought before Clallam County DCD should be looked into thoroughly before a decision is made. I've heard that even Governor Inslee has said Oyster Farms are environmental bad for the Puget Sound. The tribe has said they will not use pesticides. If you approve this permit, PLEASE, make them accountable by law for everything they say they will do or not do. I've seen 1<sup>st</sup> hand how a permit is approved based on what the applicant has said they would do or not do, yet after the permit is approved, they can do whatever they please with no consequences. Basically, a entity can present the information the public wants to hear to get their permit, but is not legally obligated to keep their written statements as to what they say they will do or not do. Please do not let this happen.

I admire the Jamestown tribe for all that they have accomplished. Everything they have done it has been done with class. From what I can see, they take care of their people. I greatly respect them. But if they built a hotel with a water view on their on tribal lands, would they put in an oyster farm for all their guests to see? They state they are Stewards of the Environment. I would love to believe them, but if they do this, I'll believe they have become just like the so called white man, only looking for how he can make the next dollar with little concern on the impact on others or the environment. I have been thankful for the Natives fights to protect our environment. I've stood behind them, but I cannot stand behind the Jamestown tribe on this.

I've looked on the Dungeness National Refugee's Website. The pictures are spectacular. Now can you imagine in those pristine pictures, an oyster farm. I cannot. Even the website states:

In 1990, Graveyard Spit was designated as a Research Natural Area (RNA) due to its unique vegetation. In RNAs, natural processes are allowed to predominate without human intervention. Activities on RNAs are limited to research, study, observation, monitoring, and educational activities that are non-destructive, non-manipulative, and maintain unmodified conditions.

How can a business be qualified within these RNA statues. I don't understand how having an oyster farm in this protected environment is even being considered.

Please do not allow an oyster farm to be put into the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Loran

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Jill DeGroot <jilldegrootewa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:11 PM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** Oyster farming on the Dungeness (External Email: USE Caution)

Dear Greg,

Please allow me to get straight to the point. My family and I are completely against allowing oyster farming on the refuge. The negative effects on both the protected wildlife and our enjoyment of nature, are irrefutable. Agreements for land use were made long ago before the ocean and the environment were in peril. I appreciate you allowing me to share my thoughts and would greatly appreciate knowing my response was noted.

Jill, Russell, Chantal, Anna and Marcus DeGroot  
265 Lisel Lane  
Port Angeles, Wa  
98362

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 59  
DATE 4-26-18

Lyn Muench  
156 Blue Valley Road  
Port Angeles WA 98362-9271

April 16, 2018

RE: Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm

Dear County Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and Peach,



CLALLAM COUNTY DCD

EXHIBIT 600  
DATE 4-26-18

I am writing this letter as a private citizen with a long history in shellfish farming. I strongly support oyster farming in Dungeness Bay, and the permits requested by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

The specific purpose of this letter is to provide information about the essential role commercial shellfish farming has played in removing pollution from fresh and marine waters in the Dungeness Watershed. The rigorous efforts to monitor water quality and clean up sources of pollution to Dungeness Bay are triggered by the continued leasing of DNR tidelands for shellfish farming. Consequently, loss of shellfish farming may actually be detrimental to the environmental quality of Dungeness Bay and the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.

The Washington Department of Health is charged with monitoring and assessing water quality wherever there are commercial shellfish beds. They maintain a highly professional staff including engineers, biologists and laboratory personnel. They have a federally approved program for water quality monitoring and data analysis. All of these resources have been used in Dungeness Bay because of the commercial shellfish operation. Due to the pollution threats to shellfish farming, the County was able to form a Clean Water District, releasing many resources including funding to identify the pollution sources. The Department of Health mandate for recreational harvest of shellfish is much more limited, and does not use the same methods and resources.

The scrutiny on water quality to allow commercial shellfish farming to continue in Dungeness Bay has accomplished three things.

- Accurate water quality data has been continuously collected and analyzed, and sources of pollution identified.
- Many local and state partners have worked together to remove pollution sources and continue vigilant monitoring. Since the pollution comes from the watershed, this has resulted in healthier waters for all. Examples of major improvements that have resulted are repair of numerous leaking septic systems, piping of irrigation ditches and elimination of runoff into the Bay; fencing of cattle out of waterways, and vegetation of streambanks.
- At least two million dollars of outside funds have come to the County and its partners to support these efforts to identify and remove pollution sources.

Clallam County has been a leader and intimately involved in this effort. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, scientists from Battelle and volunteers have all been key players. Water quality



has recovered sufficiently that the Bay is now certified as meeting federal standards for shellfish farming.

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe initially purchased the Dungeness Oyster farm in 1990 as an early effort to meld their economic development goals with their traditional affinity for seafood harvest. As an employee of the Tribe I helped with the purchase and was farm manager for a year. I then took on the responsibility for insuring that water quality in the Bay met the high standards required for commercial shellfish operations. The farm was forced to close operation in 2005 due to poor water quality. Nonetheless, the Tribe continued to lease the tidelands and cooperate with others to identify and clean up the sources of pollution. Continuation of the tideland lease ensures that the DOH maintains rigorous oversight of water quality in the Bay and therefore the entire watershed.

Shellfish have been successfully farmed in Dungeness Bay for over 50 years and harvested by native people for millennia. The other important resources of the Bay, such as eel grass, waterfowl habitat and recreation continue to thrive. If you have any questions about how the farm has operated, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Lyn Muench

CC: Mary Ellen Winborn: Please include this letter as a public comment on the permit application,

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:44 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 61  
DATE 4-26-18

-----Original Message-----

From: Marilyn Walsh [<mailto:dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 6:37 AM  
To: zDCDplan  
Subject: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

To: [dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us) (Clallam County Community Development Case # SHR2017-00011)

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Marilyn Walsh  
E-MAIL ADDRESS NOT PROVIDED  
1481 Elk Loop  
Sequim WA 98382

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe has diligently worked to improve habitat over a number of years and have proven themselves to be dedicated stewards of the environment. I support approving their application to resume oyster farming.

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 3:41 PM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 62  
DATE 4-26-18

-----Original Message-----

From: Jules Michel [mailto:jjnm@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:24 PM  
To: zDCDplan  
Subject: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

To: dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us (Clallam County Community Development Case # SHR2017-00011)

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Case ID: SHR2017-00011

Jules Michel  
jjnm@aol.com  
3008 NE 45th Avenue  
Portland OR 97213

Dear Mr. Ballard:

All involved should be applauded for efforts to improve water quality in Dungeness Bay and within the area of the Dungeness National Wildlife Reserve. However, I am writing in opposition to the proposed shellfish operation within the National Wildlife Refuge.

This operation is proposing up to 150,000 bags or 900,000 square feet of tidelands being covered. Twice that area when the "flipping" described is considered. This is a visual and environmental impact which cannot be diminished within the Refuge.

It is important to note the critical importance of the Refuge. With the Nisqually, Willapa and Grays Harbor Refuges, it makes up a critical stopover for birds migrating north and south. This is habitat which, with developments occurring elsewhere, is irreplaceable and in need of protection from commercial developments. If approved, it would set a precedent for development in the other Refuges.

Visual

Visually, these bags are visible both out of and while the tide is rising over them. What depth underwater they are visible from upland locations is unknown as it is not discussed anywhere. Unlike the S'Klallam proposal in Jefferson County, there was no in depth visual analysis performed, only a reliance on a comment that they will not be visible beyond 100 yards. As noted in the USFWS letter, birders - a large economic engine for Clallam County - invest great sums in scopes and anti-vibration visual devices in order to see fine detail at great distances, far beyond 100 yards. This alone should prevent the permit from being issued. One could also add anyone snorkeling or SCUBA diving would be impacted.

#### Abandoned 12 years ago

This operation, as noted throughout the application, was abandoned 12 years ago. While the tribe could have continued to grow and relay oysters to clean water areas for "flushing" as many growers do, they chose not to. There is no "grandfathering" here. As noted above, the part played by the Tribe in raising water standards was important. But it also allowed many other areas to open up, outside of the Refuge, where they could grow oysters.

Habitat and shorebird populations are at a far greater risk now than in 2005 This is 2018, and shorebird populations are under greater stress than they have ever been. Whether it be due to food sources or habitat, this is a different time than when the operation was abandoned. While it may be true there is a structure of some sort created, there is also a habitat altered each time bags are flipped and worse, destroyed when bags are removed. These are not permanent oyster reefs but temporary structures.

#### Nonnative Oysters, not Olympia oysters

This project proposes the growth of nonnative Pacific oysters, not the growth or restoration of native Olympia oysters, a fact which cannot be understated. This is a Wildlife Refuge with the goal of preserving and restoring the natural environment and ecosystem. Pacific oysters are not "naturalized", they are an invasive nonnative species which this proposal will put into the Refuge. Even the use of a Triploid oyster is contrary to what the County should be allowing in the Refuge.

#### Noise

The maintenance and harvesting of a 34 acre area covered with 150,000 grow out bags is a disturbance within the Refuge. Nothing like this has been allowed for the past 15 years. It is not comparable to passive recreational use, something which is severely restricted in the area.

#### Alternatives

As noted earlier, the waters within the Refuge are not the only areas which have seen improvements in water quality. Whether Dungeness Bay or areas throughout northern Puget Sound, there are large acres of land which are available for growing shellfish. Just to the south and west in Dabob Bay the S'Klallam have leased a large tract of tidelands for shellfish growth. In fact, they are expanding their operations within that tract.

#### Conflicting descriptions

The applicant has described throughout the application their operation. However, this is strikingly different than what they have described to the Department of Natural Resources in their un-approved (as of last week) application for a new lease. In that DNR application they are proposing seeded oysters spread over the tidelands and covered by a net; growout bags; and "flip" bags suspended above the sediments. This is far different than what the County has been told - growout bags (150,000) only. One other area of conflict is in the eelgrass buffer, which the DNR application says is only 16 feet, not 25 feet.

#### Land ownership

The current area proposed was deeded to the USFWS in 1943 under Section 152, Chapter 255 of the 1927 Session Laws. That Section is clear in saying they were deeded for the public purpose (a Refuge in this case) "...granting the use of such tide or shore lands to the United States, so long as it shall require the use of them for said public purpose." There were no tidelands reserved in the deed nor any guarantee of use other than for a Refuge. It is not clear at all where the state retained the right to lease portions of it out, especially if that use is contrary to the "public purpose" they were deeded under.

As mentioned in the outset, everyone involved in the effort to restore water quality in Dungeness Bay, and throughout Puget Sound for that matter, should be applauded. But those efforts should not result in the County issuing a permit for this commercial development within the critical marine habitat of the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for considering my comments, intended to protect habitat for all, and the future generations to come.



## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 63  
DATE 4-26-18

-----Original Message-----

From: John McDonell [<mailto:kmcdonell@mindspring.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 7:51 PM  
To: zDCDplan  
Subject: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

To: [dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us) (Clallam County Community Development Case # SHR2017-00011)

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John McDonell  
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Gig Harbor WA 98332

That yet another natural area such as the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge and surrounding habitats be sacrificed to private enterprises (shellfish farms) which then carpet the intertidal area with synthetic grow bags to the exclusion of all other concerns, and turn public waters into feedlots for oysters is NOT in the Public's interest-nor the Nearshore Marine Environments. Preserve what remains of a natural treasure-don't sacrifice it to self-interests that view these tidelands and waters for profit only. I have seen oyster grow bags cover acres of tidelands and turn the intertidal zone into barren bottoms of plastic. Not the days-of-old harvest methods of oysters intermingled within a diverse tideland environment, but the industrialization of a single species enclosed in grow-bags carpeting the tidelands.

Do something for the future and preserve something from the past.

Reject this proposal. Our children are counting on us.

John McDonell

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 64  
DATE 4-26-18

-----Original Message-----

From: Heatther McFarlane [<mailto:heatherrmc76@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 6:16 PM  
To: zDCDplan  
Subject: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

To: [dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us) (Clallam County Community Development Case # SHR2017-00011)

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Case ID: SHR2017-00011

Heatther McFarlane  
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PO Box 541  
Burley WASHINGTON (WA) 98322

Please allow the Refuge to remain the safe haven that public funds were spent to protect. The aquaculture plan has nothing to contribute to shoreline restorations, improving the food web for all species, nor protecting avian species from extinction due to lack of resources.

Birds can't live on plastic, bald eagles CAN have their talons caught in plastic mesh grow bags. I have seen the latter happen here on the east shore of Burley Lagoon when a prey species was caught and an eagle became attached while trying to recover his prey bird. It is about balance; prey and predator deserve a fair playing field. Such will disappear under acres of mesh grow bags. And what of the marine creatures that thrive in the sediment and have their place in the ecoSYSTEM? I daily observe changes brought by industrial aquaculture and would hate to see the refuge impacted by industrial forces like that.

## Ballard, Greg

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**From:** Clark, Donella on behalf of zDCDplan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:43 AM  
**To:** Ballard, Greg  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
EXHIBIT 65  
DATE 4-26-18

-----Original Message-----

From: Estella Mixson [<mailto:mixsonneg@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:33 AM  
To: zDCDplan  
Subject: Public Comment: SHR2017-00011

To: [dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us](mailto:dcdplan@co.clallam.wa.us) (Clallam County Community Development Case # SHR2017-00011)

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Case ID: SHR2017-00011

Estella Mixson  
[mixsonneg@gmail.com](mailto:mixsonneg@gmail.com)  
304 Dungeness Meadows  
Sequim WA 98382

04/25/2018

I have been reading about the proposal to engage in oyster aquaculture adjacent to the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge. Although this operation is to be run by the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe, it appears to be a commercial enterprise rather than heritage-based. The proposed farm is to cover 34 acres of tidal waters. The oysters are to be raised in large plastic bags that are anchored to the bottom. The estimate I saw said that there would be up to 150,000 bags, each containing approximately 75 oysters. This is a huge operation.

I oppose the permitting of this farm for several reasons:

1. The location being adjacent to the wildlife refuge is not ideal. I fear that the presence of the on-bottom-bags will interfere with the birds nesting and feeding.
2. The eelgrass that provides shelter to a wide variety of marine life is likely to be affected.
3. The size of the area and density of the oysters will produce waste that will pollute the waters in that area. From what I understand, the bay is still recovering from an earlier oyster farm that had to be shut down.
4. The fact that the bags are made of plastic is a concern. In the event that these bags deteriorate to a point where they (even partially) break away from their moorings, larger birds and fish may be drawn to the remnants thinking that they are food.

Sincerely,  
Estella G. Mixson



## SAN JUAN FARMS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Greg Ballard, Senior Planner  
Clallam County Department of Community Development  
223 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. 5  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Re: Conditional Use Permit SRH 2017-00011

Dear Mr. Ballard,

The application of the JST has just come to my attention and as President of the San Juan Farms Assn., located on Cline Spit inside Dungeness Bay, I would like to address generally our support for the project to re-establish the Tribal oyster aquaculture business of nearly two decades ago.


We are aware of the many efforts made in those years aimed at cleaning the Bay. The oysters raised at SJF have never had an issue and now, too, expanding our oyster cultivating can be accomplished with greater confidence from the very convincing study results taken from the Bay.

Some broadly shared concerns that our Members have expressed, and which we are seeking answers for would start with how any privacy could be effected. I believe that most of the balance of questions can be posed as follows:

- We occupy Cline Spit all year, it is not seasonal use. How will the operation effect our peace and quiet, air quality and noise levels?
- What level of activity could there be in the (hunting season) months of October through February?
- How will the operation adjust to shifting and new growth of eel grass, lost over the years to water quality that had declined?
- Where will the staging for boat launching and product loading occur? And how much Public parking will be utilized permanently and during hours of operation?
- Will there be any on site cooling compressors and fork lifts?
- Will refrigeration trucks be running on Cline Spit for loading?
- What are the proposed hours of operation?
- Where if any would there be any processing and sales to public?
- How will the already hectic and overused Cline Spit Public launch and parking be addressed?
- What are the expansion plans?
- How do/will the old Oyster pier and house figure into the operation?
- Who are the contract buyers for the oysters?
- Who in the JST will be our primary contact ... for any reason?
- Which Department(s) will be monitoring the operation, Fed, State and County?

Our chief accomplishment of getting involved during this Public Comment period has been achieved but we do look forward to the project and staying involved.

Sincerely,



April 25, 2018

Walter Selden, President, San Juan Farms Assn. 186 Cline Spit Rd., Sequim, WA 98382

CLALLAM COUNTY DCD  
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DATE 4-26-18

