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Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown's Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:17:21 AM

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Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Foerster, Kevin <kevin_foerster@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown's Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm

Excellent. Very helpful.

I am thinking a response may not be necessary based on this most recent message. What do you think?

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I live and work in the traditional homelands of the Chinook, Clackamas, Cowlitz, Kalapuya, Kathlamet, Molalla, Multnomah, and Wasco people who have made their homes along the lower Columbia River for thousands of years.

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Another email from chairman Allen today
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown's Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm

Kevin, ok, Hansi calmed me down and said she feels we are on the same page and moving towards finalizing the appropriate permit. Thanks, Ron

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Jamestown's Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm

The letter from Ms. Hals raised a number of important points. We are working with the Office of the Solicitor to carefully review the letter. In light of our shared interest in timely resolution, we are working to expedite this review.

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Kevin, sounds good and encouraging. Could you give us a sense of how long it will take you to review the memo from Hansi to respond?

Thanks, Ron

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Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 5:04 PM

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Pressure on FWS

Chairman Allen,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me regarding the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's proposal to resume commercial shellfish operations on the Washington Department of Natural Resource lease lands within the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. We share your interest in resolving questions regarding the proposed operations as quickly as possible. With this in mind, we will respond to the formal request of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's this week indicating no further need for additional coordination with the Service prior to issuance of the 404 permit.

The Service has also received the June 15 memo from Natural Resource Director Hals addressing our conversation regarding a compatibility determination for access to the leased tidelands. We are carefully evaluating the information provided and will be following up soon.

Thank you,

Kevin

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Kevin,

I know Hansi & Liz were as frustrated as I was that FWS just now decided that we need this permit and giving us another FWS set back. Yesterday, we got more good news from the State Dept. of Ecology who agrees with USACE and DNR on our right to resume our Oyster Farm. So, I'm counting on you to move this additional permit process quickly. This experience is not a good reflection of FWS respect and cooperation with Tribes such as ours to resume a way of life that works in the 21st century.

I write to you personally to urge and pressure you to move the process quickly. I understand your reasoning, but you have to put yourself in our shoes, as you acknowledged that it has been a long 4 year journey through the federal/state bureaucracy for a Tribe to resume a Treaty practice. Yes, this practice is not how we did it in the 18th, 19th and even early 20th centuries, but no one else harvest the same way either.

I and our Tribe are working hard at being patient and respectful. Please keep us informed on the schedule as we are planning on planting new seed this summer. Thanks, Ron

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