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We received the below request from Peninsula Daily News regarding the Service's comment period for Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's aquaculture lease. Given the elevation of this issue to DOI, I want to make sure we are providing an accurate and approved response. Whatever is published in the PDN will likely be picked up by the Sequim Gazette and the Port Townsend Leader.

This is how I have answered general public requests regarding this issue a couple of months ago:

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is completing a Compatibility Determination for year-round access (associated with commercial aquaculture activities) within the use easement tidelands of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. This assessment is necessary because year-round use does not fall within the October 1 - May 14 access closure identified as necessary to maintain compatibility with Refuge Purposes in the Refuge's 2012 Comprehensive Conservation Plan and associated Compatibility Determinations.

Compatibility Determinations associated with a Service action, have at minimum a 15-day public comment period. The comment period and contact information would be provided to the public with notice of the compatibility decision.

If anyone has questions or comments regarding the Compatibility Determination process, they can email: jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov,

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I am seeking information on the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge taking public comment on the Jamestown S'Klallam oyster farm and any other information you have for an update, such as, especially, the deadline for comment.

Thank you for your help

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