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**To:** [BrownScott, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Dungeness refuge taking comment on oyster farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 2:16:53 PM

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Hey there. We got RO NWRS and EA sign off. I will go ahead and respond to the reporter.  
Thanks for your help!

-Dana

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Looks okay to me. Wordsmithing below, if you are interested.

There is ~~not~~ currently no ~~a~~ public comment period ~~open~~ regarding the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's aquaculture lease. *If comments are accepted in the future, we will provide public notification of the opportunity.* ~~In the event that we do to take comments in the future, we will be sure to provide that information to the public.~~

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**From:** Bivens, Dana L <[dana\\_bivens@fws.gov](mailto:dana_bivens@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:16 AM

**To:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>

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There is not currently a public comment period open regarding the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's aquaculture lease. In the event that we do to take comments in the future we will be sure to provide that information to the public.

*The comment period and contact information would be provided to the public with notice of the compatibility decision.*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:20 AM

**To:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>

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I sent an invite for 10:00 am today... that looked open on your calendar. Please let me know if you need another time.

Best,

Dana

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Sure. What time works best for you?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:38 AM  
**To:** BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer\_brownScott@fws.gov>  
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Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. Can we have a quick chat to make sure I understand the issue at hand?

Thanks

-Dana

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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\\_brownsconfig@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_brownsconfig@fws.gov),*

*or mail to:*

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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

**Leah Leach**

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