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Director Hals,

Thank you so much for your quick response. I think a meeting in late September to discuss inherent federal functions (IFFs) is a good plan. Agreements under Title IV of the ISDEEA are relatively novel in the USFWS and we are working hard to understand IFFs in the context of national wildlife refuges, and specifically at Dungeness NWR. That said, we do believe we will be in a good position to discuss our understanding of the IFFs for all, or the vast majority, of the functions at Dungeness in late September.

I completely understand your message regarding the USFWS analysis of the aquaculture lease. Additional analysis was initiated this summer that I expect will be concluded in the near future. As we work toward a response, we are mindful of the seeding timeframes mentioned by the Chairman during the August 9 meeting.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Director Morrison,

On behalf of Chairman Allen, I am confirming receipt of your communication and supporting materials. Thank you for compiling these materials for the Tribe's review. Jamestown also looks forward to your perspective and list of inherently federal functions.

As you know, Jamestown is still anticipating an update regarding the special report prepared for RD Thorson in March 2022, regarding access to Tribal aquaculture lease area in Dungeness Bay. Our understanding is that the Fish and Wildlife Service convened a work group mid-February to examine this matter through application of Joint Secretarial Order 3403.

To make the most of our next meeting, it may be useful for Jamestown to first digest these materials and the additional identified list of inherently federal functions. Should we plan for late September to assure FWS has time to identify and share its understanding of inherent federal functions?

Sincerely, Hansi

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Chairman Allen,

Please find attached information on operations at Dungeness NWR in response to the your

letter of August 10.

The USFWS has provided comprehensive information in response to nearly all of the requests outlined during our August 9 meeting and in your August 10 letter. As noted in our response, we continue to research, identify, and refine our understanding of inherent federal functions, and the related question of residuals. We hope to have information on these remaining requests in the very near future so that we can reach a mutual agreement on inherent federal functions at the Refuge.

We look forward to meeting with you again in the near future, at a time convenient for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

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