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Via email: PPF@olympus.net

Dr. Darlene Schanfald
Protect the Peninsula's Future
160 Kane Lane
Sequim, WA 98382

Dear Dr. Darlene Schanfald:

This interim letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 8, 2022 and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2023-000769 and 23-001071. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

You requested the following:

This is a FOIA request for the last 12 months - September 2021 through end-October 2022 - of documents between USFWS offices in Portland OR and the office of the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge in Sequim WA pertaining to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's proposed private shellfish operation in this Refuge. These documents should include any and all communications of any type between these administrations and those of the Tribe. Please send these electronically in WORD.

Response

We have completed our search and continue to review records found to be responsive to your requests and with this letter we are releasing 29 records (97 pages) in their entirety.

Mediation/Dispute Resolution

If after contacting us as described below, you need further information or assistance with your request, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Alcantara by email at doifoiapublicliaison@sol.doi.gov.

If you need further information or assistance after contacting the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, you may wish to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The 2007 FOIA amendments created the OGIS to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Conclusion

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. *See 5 U.S.C. 552(c)*. This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions about our response to your request, please contact John De Clerck by email at, john_declerck@fws.gov or by mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ATTN: FOIA Office; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: IRTM; Falls Church, Virginia 22041.

Sincerely,

John De Clerck
FWS FOIA Coordinator