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Thanks for sharing, Vanessa. Would you be able to ask Susan if she can join us for our next call? I think it will be important for an USGS research scientist to be involved in order to provide expert and objective input into the design, especially if baseline data becomes imperative. If so, then it would not be feasible to start up aquaculture operations in 2 months.

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Hi Jennifer and Kevin,

Thank you for allowing me to sit in on the meeting today. I suppose it would have been good to talk prior to this meeting (for me). It seems as if they are very anxious to start the project by June of this year (wow). I have not really had a chance to think about this project or look into the specifics.

I would hope that shorebirds will still use this site as foraging habitat. I am sure this is political, and it would be good to make sure we are all on the same page, so I do not misspeak. I will go back and read the refuges responses to this project.

If birds are not using the 5 acres during full operation because of disturbance then that would be important to know for other phases of the project.

Attached is an example of the type of project that addresses refuge specific questions on

habitat use (although not the same question). One question we might ask Willapa NWR is...with these surveys are they seeing shorebirds in oyster farming habitat. Just a few thoughts.

It took me off guard that they wanted to launch right into things. Happy Monday morning:)

Vanessa

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