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**To:** [Corbett, Miel](#)  
**Cc:** [BrownScott, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Kilmer's engagement with USFWS  
**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:09:05 AM  
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Thanks, Jennifer

On Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 10:53 AM, Miel Corbett <[miel\\_corbett@fws.gov](mailto:miel_corbett@fws.gov)> wrote:  
We will have to run the meeting by DOI for approval but there shouldn't be a problem.

Thanks for your help

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:44, BrownScott, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_brownscott@fws.gov](mailto:jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov)> wrote:

We are in Derek Kilmer's District, but we have not had any discussions with his office in the last six months. I did meet with his local staffer in early 2016 on another topic, and let her know that Congressman Kilmer may be contacted by Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe about the aquaculture project. It was the first she had heard of the potential for aquaculture at Dungeness. That staff representative has recently retired. I had planned on setting up a meeting with his new field representative to introduce myself and give an overview of the Refuge. Should I hold off?

-jennifer

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On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 4:59 PM, Kim Trust <[kim\\_trust@fws.gov](mailto:kim_trust@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Are you in Kilmer's district? See aquaculture item.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2017, at 4:53 PM, Corbett, Miel <[miel\\_corbett@fws.gov](mailto:miel_corbett@fws.gov)> wrote:

We have received a request from DOI asking for a brief summary of engagement we've had with Congressman Kilmer's office in the past 6 months. The Secretary is going to meet with the Appropriators and wants some background info on our interactions with them. These are the substantial ones I have in my file-- anyone else have anything?

The comments and links are for Budget staff as an FYI-further info source. They have a lot esp on HGMPs.

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From: **Corbett, Miel** <[miel\\_corbett@fws.gov](mailto:miel_corbett@fws.gov)>

Date: Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 4:28 PM

Subject: Congressman Kilmer's engagement with USFWS

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Can you please complete for the MaMu issue and PSP?  
Short, sweet and our response to the request in Italics.

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In general, the USFWS has a positive relationship with Congressman Kilmer's office. In the past several months, Congressman Kilmer's office has had several topics of engagement with the USFWS in his District.

**Correspondence regarding on going-Navy consultations -**

Cong. Kilmer sent a March 27th letter to the Service requesting information on our interactions with the Navy under ESA Section 7 consultations and other authorities. *We are currently drafting a response, which will be forwarded to DOI for review per guidance.* We have a positive working relationship with the Navy and good information exchanges during the consultation process.  
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**Hatchery Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) -**

Congressman Kilmer has expressed concern about the completion of hatchery genetic management plans and the limited staffing resources of the Service. In the Pacific Northwest, where hatchery genetic management planning is an issue, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is the lead agency responsible for consultation under section 7 of the ESA,

and is responsible for approval of hatchery genetic management plans (HGMPs). Working with the Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, NMFS developed a shared consultation timeline to complete all Puget Sound hatchery program consultations by the fall of 2018. *The Service's Washington Fish and Wildlife Office is increasing its consultation capacity and has fully committed one staff member to Puget Sound Hatchery consultations.* ( For more information, see **2017 Budget Effects statement re: References: House Report 114-632, pg 14.**)

**Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge re-naming-** Congressman Kilmer introduced legislation to rename the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge to honor Native American civil rights leader Billy Frank Jr. *The Billy Frank Jr Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge was renamed on July 19, 2016 with several Members of Congress and tribal representatives in attendance.* In addition, Cong Kilmer was responsible for legislating the Medicine Creek Treaty National Memorial on the Refuge. Medicine Creek was the location in which tribes signed the 1854 treaty with the US government.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jul/19/national-wildlife-refuge-renamed-to-honor-billy-fr/>

**Shellfish aquaculture-** Reps. Kilmer requested from the Army Corps to receive updates from the Seattle District, the NW Division, and Corps Head Quarters on steps they've taken to address some ongoing challenges around shellfish aquaculture permitting and the process moving forward under the 2017 Nation Wide Permit. *FWS attended at the request of the Congressman as part of the Federal agency representation, although the issue does not lie within our jurisdiction.*

### **HCP for DNR and MaMu- WFWO? help, pls**

**Puget Sound Partnership- WFWO? help, pls** - In Oct, 2016, Congressman Kilmer, along with many other elected officials and Members of Congress announced [new federal actions](#) to help protect and recover the health of Puget Sound, one of the nation's largest estuaries. These actions were intended to reflect a commitment from the federal government to help restore Puget Sound, and are similar to federal actions taken in recent years to protect other large aquatic ecosystems, such as the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes. The FWS is a member of the Puget Sound partnership and engages with the Congressman in this context although we have not provided significant amounts of funding towards the effort. <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2016/10/18/taking-action-protect-puget-sound-watershed>

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