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**To:** [Sands, Joseph P](#)  
**Subject:** Re: looking for Brant data from Thurston Co, WA if possible by COB today  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 10:38:42 AM

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Thanks Joe,

I appreciate your quick turnaround! I'll use some of the historic data to back up what Kyle notes in his response.

Best,  
Sue

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Hi Sue-

I'm not certain these data are going to be helpful (one drive link attached...let me know if it doesn't work, I don't use it a lot), but it's what I have available from my files for Washington. Historically WA conducted their own surveys for that area so my guess is Kyle is the best contact for those data.

Joe

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Hi All,

We just received an information request from our Regional Director regarding Brant use of Totten Inlet (Thurston County), WA. Can any of you share Midwinter Waterfowl and/or Brant survey data for that area? I am trying to determine the importance of the inlet to Brant in WA as part of a comparison between Totten Inlet and Dungeness Bay relative to aquaculture (present or future, respectively). If you could share any data you have for that area some time today, that would really help. Also, do you know if Totten Inlet supports any habitat features key to Brant such as gritting sites, eelgrass beds, etc similar to those found in Dungeness Bay?

Thanks for any help you can give! Apologies for the last-minute request, but the RD would like any info we can find by the end of the day.

Best,  
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