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## **2013 Dungeness NWR CCP Goals That Would Be Impacted by Aquaculture**

**Goal 2:** Protect and maintain the diversity of nearshore habitats historically characteristic of the Salish Sea ecosystem for the benefit of native plants and marine-associated wildlife.

**Objective 2.2.** Protect and maintain the barrier beaches on Dungeness and Graveyard spits

- Absence of marine debris
- No human disturbance during seasonal and year-round closures of the barrier beach habitats (see Objective 5.2)
- Minimal to no impact from oil spills or other contaminants

**Objective 2.3.** Protect and maintain barrier lagoons and mudflats of Dungeness Harbor and Dungeness Bay

- Absence of human disturbance from Oct 1-May 14 on refuge portions of Dungeness Harbor and Bay; no human disturbance year-round to the lagoons within the spits (see Objective 5.2).
- Absence of marine debris

**Objective 2.4** Protect and maintain common eelgrass beds in Dungeness Harbor and Dungeness Bay

- Absence of marine debris
- Absence of human disturbance from Oct 1-May 14 on the refuge portion of Dungeness Harbor and Bay

**Objective 2.5** Protect and maintain salt marsh on Graveyard Spit

- No human disturbance year-round (see Objective 5.2)

**Goal 5:** Visitors feel welcomed and know they are on a national wildlife refuge as well as where they can safely explore and learn more about the diversity of wildlife, while being good wildlife stewards. As a result, visitors will have a memorable experience and leave the Refuge with a greater connection between themselves and nature.

**Objective 5.2** Manage refuge access

- 100% of pedestrian refuge visitors knowing and using only open access points
- 95% of refuge boat visitors knowing and using only open access points to the Refuge and 100% compliance with shoreline buffers

**Objective 5.3** Improve compliance with refuge regulations

- Zero occurrences of inappropriate and incompatible recreational uses (e.g., kite-flying, jet skiing, wind surfing, ball and Frisbee tossing, camping and campfires, and after hours trespass, etc.)

**Goal 6:** Visitors have the opportunity to participate in safe, quality wildlife-dependent recreation programs and compatible non-wildlife-dependent recreation activities while minimizing wildlife disturbance in the face of increasing refuge visitation. Programs and activities, including interpretation, environmental education, wildlife observation and photography, and fishing, will focus on enhancing public understanding and appreciation of wildlife and cultural resources while building support for the Refuge.

**Objective 6.5** Promote opportunities for wildlife observation and photography

- 80% of the visitors seeking to observe and photograph refuge wildlife knowing what species might be observed on the Refuge
- 50% of visitors to the Refuge knowing when (seasonally and temporally) and where the best wildlife viewing opportunities are and how to maximize those opportunities
- 90% of visitors to the Refuge knowing how to observe wildlife without causing disturbance to the wildlife or its habitat features

**Objective 6.6** Provide opportunities for quality fishing and shell-fishing

- Boaters remaining 100 yards away from the mean high tide line and observing the no-wake regulation
- Anglers and shell fishers knowing and complying with fishing and shell-fishing access and harvest areas identified in refuge-specific regulations