

From: [Falzetti, David](#)
To: [Marie Millican](#)
Subject: Re: SEPA & Notice of Application for SHR 2017-11 Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes Oyster Farm off Dungeness Spit
Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018 10:01:06 AM
Importance: High

Good questions. I am unable to provide answers. Dave

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On Sat, Mar 10, 2018 at 7:16 AM, Marie Millican <mmillican@seanet.com> wrote:

Interesting.

I have two questions:

Is the water safe for oyster farming? I'm certain the water has been tested for any possible contaminants.

And, what if any... effects will this have on the Refuge as far as public access goes?

Thanks

Marie

From: "Falzetti, David" <david_falzetti@fws.gov>
Date: Friday, March 9, 2018 at 5:58 PM
To: <undisclosed-recipients:;>
Subject: Fwd: SEPA & Notice of Application for SHR 2017-11 Jamestown S'Klallam

Tribes Oyster Farm off Dungeness Spit

Hello Volunteers, here is some information regarding proposed activity in the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. Dave

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From: **BrownScott, Jennifer** <jennifer_brownscoff@fws.gov>

Date: Fri, Mar 9, 2018 at 4:44 PM

Subject: Fwd: SEPA & Notice of Application for SHR 2017-11 Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes Oyster Farm off Dungeness Spit

To: David Falzetti <david_falzetti@fws.gov>

Hey Dave!

Thought our volunteers might be interested to know that Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is proposing to open a **Commercial Shellfish Farming (aquaculture) Operation on Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge**. There used to be aquaculture in this area in the distant past, but full-scale commercial use has not occurred for many years

Because these tidelands are officially owned by the State, this proposal will not have to go through any Refuge permitting or compatibility process. **The Clallam County Shoreline Permit Comment Period is Open Through 1:00pm, April 5.** The Shoreline Permit process will be the only public process associated with this proposed project.

The SEPA documentation is all linked and/or attached below.

-jennifer

Jennifer Brown-Scott

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From: **Ballard, Greg** <gballard@co.clallam.wa.us>

Date: Fri, Feb 23, 2018 at 2:09 PM

Subject: SEPA & Notice of Application for SHR 2017-11 Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes
Oyster Farm off Dungeness Spit

To: sepaunit@ecy.wa.gov

Cc: Paul.C.Jenkins@usace.army.mil, "Bennett, Matthew J CIV USARMY CENWS (US)"
<Matthew.J.Bennett@usace.army.mil>, David Brownell <dbrownell@jamestowntribe.org>,
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Attached is the Notice of Application for a proposal by the Jamestown Tribe to re-establish an Oyster Farm operation off Dungeness Spit in Dungeness Bay.

Also attached is a DNS issue February 23, 2018. The comments on the SEPA are due by the date of the Hearing Examiner Hearing Scheduled for April 5, 2018 at 1 p.m. in Room 160 of the Clallam County Courthouse.

Documents for this case are available at the link below

[Docs for SHR 2017-11 JST Oyster Farm](#)

The DCD staff report will be available at the link above March 29, 2018.

Documents related to this case:

[**B1. DNS & SEPA Checklist for Oyster Farm \(DNS & SEPA SHR 2017-11 JST OYSTER FARM\)**](#)

[**C.2 Application \(SHR17-11 APP.PDF\)**](#)

[**C.3 Site Maps \(SHR17-11 MAPS\)**](#)

[**C.4 Environmental Checklist \(SHR17-11 ECL\)**](#)

[**C.5 Eelgrass Habitat Survey \(SHR17-11 EELGRASS\)**](#)

[**C.6 Cultural Resources Report \(SHR17-11 CULTURAL\)**](#)

[**Notice of Application, Applic., & Site Plans for Oyster Farm \(NOA SHR 2017-11 JST OYSTER FARM\)**](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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From: BrownScott, Jennifer [mailto:jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 4:39 PM

To: Ralph Riccio

Cc: Paul.C.Jenkins@usace.army.mil; Bennett, Matthew J CIV USARMY CENWS (US); David Brownell; Sean (DNR) (Sean.Carlson@dnr.wa.gov) <Sean.Carlson@dnr.wa.gov>, richard.mraz@ecy.wa.gov; Ballard, Greg

Subject: RE: FW: Aquaculture Proposal NWS 2007-1213 (External Email: USE Caution)

Ralph,

Thank you for bringing your concern to our attention. Please see the responses to your questions related to Dungeness NWR and the Refuge's role in the permit process in [blue](#) below.

A few questions the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe would appreciate answered:

-How can the ACOE be reviewing the archeological survey in May 2017 and be waiting for it to be submitted several months later in December 2017?

-How long for the archeological survey to be reviewed? (Please find it attached)

-Am I mistaken to understand that the ACOE is the federal lead on this state-owned aquaculture lease? [It is also our understanding that ACOE is the federal lead on this project.](#)

-Does the Refuge believe they are the lead? [The US Fish and Wildlife Service is not the Federal Lead on the ACOE permitting process for the Jamestown S'Klallam aquaculture project.](#)

-What is the ACOE process for permitting the DNR State-owned aquaculture lease within the managed boundaries of the Dungeness Bay Wildlife Refuge?

-What is the Refuge process for permitting the DNR State-owned aquaculture lease within the managed boundaries of the Dungeness Bay Wildlife Refuge? [We do not have the authority to issue any permits for aquaculture activities within the DNR state-owned aquaculture lease within the boundary of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge does, however, hold a use easement for refuge purposes. In the past, DNR has provided the Refuge the opportunity to review proposed leases so that the Refuge can confirm that the proposed lease would not be inconsistent with the use easement.](#)

-How does the Refuge's process overlap with the County's? [Washington Maritime NWRC would provide site specific information to the County as needed for them](#)

to complete their process, and may provide comment during the SEPA process.

After all County and Federal permits are received, Washington Maritime NWRC will provide feedback to DNR on any portions of the project that may impact the ability of the Use Easement area to be managed as a Refuge. We will work with DNR to find identify potential solutions to any issues, as requested.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Jennifer

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Matthew J CIV USARMY CENWS (US) [mailto:Matthew.J.Bennett@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:10 PM

To: Ralph Riccio <rriccio@jamestowntribe.org>; BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov>

Cc: Carlson, Sean (DNR) (Sean.Carlson@dnr.wa.gov) <Sean.Carlson@dnr.wa.gov>; gballard@co.Clallam.wa.us

Subject: RE: Aquaculture Proposal NWS 2007-1213

Hello,

The corps has a complete application for the above referenced. Additional information may be required as we proceed w/ making a permit decision. Should any changes to your proposal occur as a result of state or local review, please provide us updated drawings. The drawings in the administrative record are dated January 26, 2017. Currently, the application is in NHPA 106 review. Thank you.

Matthew J. Bennett, Section Chief
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ralph Riccio [mailto:rriccio@jamestowntribe.org]

Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:09 PM

To: BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov>

Cc: Bennett, Matthew J CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Matthew.J.Bennett@usace.army.mil>; Carlson, Sean (DNR) (Sean.Carlson@dnr.wa.gov) <Sean.Carlson@dnr.wa.gov>; gballard@co.Clallam.wa.us

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Aquaculture Proposal

Jennifer,

I appreciate you reaching out for an update on our aquaculture proposal in Dungeness Bay. I will defer to Matt Bennett at the Army Corps to let us know how our application is progressing. Once I receive confirmation that we have a complete application from the Corps I will be sending you and the County a copy immediately.

As for our DNR lease visit, I look forward to meeting with Lorenz. We are planning to take our skiff out to the lease, but if weather is poor can we hitch a ATV ride with

Lorenz?

Enjoy the record tides next week!

Ralph

From: BrownScott, Jennifer [mailto:jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Ralph Riccio
Subject: Aquaculture Proposal

Hey Ralph!

We haven't talked in a long time and I was just wondering how your proposal was shaping up. Have you received your Army Corps permit yet? Have you started the Shoreline Permit process? Just trying to get a handle on process timing.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to join you for the site visit in June, but Lorenz will be able to attend.

Hope your spring is going well.

-jennifer

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