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**Attachments:** [Dungeness Project Drawings March28 2016.pdf](#)  
[DNR Tidelands Lease to Jamestown Tribe.pdf](#)  
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Kevin,

Thanks for getting dialed in on this issue. Your help is going to be greatly appreciated and extremely important as we move forward. Here are some background documents to help you fill in some of the blanks on this anticipated proposal.

Here's a short description of each of the attached docs:

**Dungeness Project Drawings March28 2016:** The most recent depiction of proposed aquaculture activities.

**DNR Tidelands Lease to Jamestown Tribe:** This is the lease that was provided (without federal/county/state permits being obtained) to the Tribe for the area depicted in the previous file. Exhibit B lays out the details of the lease and specifically says that the lease is for a "100x100 foot plot"...."using no more than three dozen metal fence posts, rope, and 60 aqua-purses." It goes on to say that "the size, location, and culture methods used to grow oysters will be discussed and approved by DNR and USFW prior to establishment". And, that "any plan to increase or change the number and cultivation of geoduck will be discussed and approved by the DNR and USFW prior to proceeding."

**Draft Aquaculture Briefing 110615:** These were notes provided for Sylvia's use in briefing the Regional Director on our understanding of the project and our policy responsibilities at the time. After this discussion we were provided information by the Solicitor that altered our view of our responsibilities and authority within the Use Deed area. We now believe that compatibility with refuge purposes is the only policy or regulation that can be used to determine what type of activity can be/should be allowed in this area.

**Specific Information Needed to Assess Effects to Refuge Purpose:** This was a really quick attempt to provide a list of details that would be needed before we could begin any sort of compatibility assessment. These are the details that the state, ES, the county and ACE also agreed they would need. We made it clear that this was a first blush attempt at providing a list of necessary information that may change when a proposal is provided.

If you think of any other info that might be helpful, let me know and I will try my best to get it to you.

I will also provide you access to the google drive folder with all my files on this topic.

-jennifer

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