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FYI - I sent a message back to Chairman Allen. It is the version that was approved by the RDs office to send.

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Kevin,

I know Hansi & Liz were as frustrated as I was that FWS just now decided that we need this permit and giving us another FWS set back. Yesterday, we got more good news from the State Dept. of Ecology who agrees with USACE and DNR on our right to resume our Oyster Farm. So, I'm counting on you to move this additional permit process quickly. This experience is not a good reflection of FWS respect and cooperation with Tribes such as ours to resume a way of life that works in the 21st century.

I write to you personally to urge and pressure you to move the process quickly. I understand your reasoning, but you have to put yourself in our shoes, as you acknowledged that it has been

a long 4 year journey through the federal/state bureaucracy for a Tribe to resume a Treaty practice. Yes, this practice is not how we did it in the 18th, 19th and even early 20th centuries, but no one else harvest the same way either.

I and our Tribe are working hard at being patient and respectful. Please keep us informed on the schedule as we are planning on planting new seed this summer. Thanks, Ron

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