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Subject: Re: Oysterfarm and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe within Dungeness NWR
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:02:59 AM

Susan, I have more availability than just the 28th. If you would like to have a discussion regarding aquaculture monitoring in Dungeness Bay prior to that time, let me know.

-jennifer

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We may need to change the date on the 28th but will get back to you.

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Hi Vanessa - Yes, I can see how this could be sensitive! I'd be willing to chat with the Refuge and I&M. Not sure if I have all the expertise necessary or not. If not, I may be able to recommend someone else that's worked on aquaculture and birds. I may be in the field on

the 28th, but it depends on the conditions. Can we check back in on that date next week? If the meeting is set and I can't make it, I could potentially send someone who can catch me up on the details.

Best
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Hi Susan,

This email is regarding a project taking place on the Dungeness NWR in Northern WA. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will be installing an Oyster growing operation on 5-acres (phase 1) and they are targeting a start date of June 1, 2021. This area is prime habitat for shorebirds, eelgrass, brant, and other waterfowl.

Long story short, they need to present a monitoring plan to the USACE and County that will determine if their activities affect birds during operations. I do not have this expertise and your work in Willapa Bay and the Oystergrowers came to mind. The Tribe may be reaching out to USGS for some guidance to see if the methods they have drafted will answer this question of disturbance.

This project is political, and a quick call with the Dungeness Refuge Project Leader and our I&M program may be beneficial to see if you would be willing to talk to them. Could we grab you for an internal meeting on April 28th after 2:00 PM, or if you can suggest someone else with your expertise (on survey design and stats), that would work too.

Lots to this.... Thanks so much.

Vanessa

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