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From: Wendy Feltham [<mailto:wfeltham9@gmail.com>]
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To: Sanguinetti, Pamela A CIV USARMY CENWS (US) <Pamela.Sanguinetti@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Ref. No. NWS-2007-1213: Opposition to Commercial Oyster Farm at Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Ms. Sanguinetti,

I am writing in opposition to the Commercial Oyster Farm at Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, Ref. No. NWS-2007-1213. I am concerned both as a frequent visitor to Dungeness Spit and as a long-time volunteer involved in several citizen science projects in Jefferson County-- Seattle Audubon Seabird Survey, UW/WSG Green Crab project, Port Townsend Marine Science Center's Marine Mammal Stranding Network, and Port Townsend Marine Science Center's Protection Island Aquatic Reserve committee.

I greatly admire the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. However, this proposal raises too many red flags for our local environment and the protected Refuge intertidal benthic life, eelgrass growth, and migratory birds. I am greatly concerned about the 34 acres currently protected in the Refuge, since the proposal is to install 20 acres of plastic on-bottom bags. These would not only be unsightly for tourists and locals visiting this magical Refuge, but the introduction of plastics would harm microorganisms, and could trap birds, crabs, and fish.

I do not want this proposal approved for the next ten years or for subsequent years. Instead we should protect the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge and as much as possible of the Salish Sea.

Sincerely,

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