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From: **Stenvall, Charlie** <charlie_stenvall@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 3:08 PM
Subject: Re: Briefing Paper, Letter, and more
To: BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov>

You're letter is good. I made a few edits but it's solid. I do have a couple questions tho.

Question 1

In your second paragraph It's not clear to me what it is you are trying to say with this. "In addition, we ask that the potential for changes to the soil and benthic community caused by 14 acres of on-beach oysters of an unknown density be assessed." If what you are inferring is that there may be impacts to invertebrates which provide the food resources for migratory birds ... isn't that true for bottom bag cultivation as well? If we are just fishing for something, leave it out. If you have concerns spell them out and state that the practice should not be allowed until the impacts to this site are known.

Question 2.

Last sentence in the second paragraph "Locations used for on-beach and on-bottom farming activities should be located outside the potential expansion area for future growth to allow this important and limited resource to reach its full extent (Attachment B)." I cannot begin to understand what this means. If it's important, make it clear. If it's not, lets leave it out.

Question 3.

In this letter we use 50-90 days/ yr of site access. We have a completely different metric in the briefing statement. Is there a reason for that. I wonder which metric is correct or are they both

correct. If the greater detail is in the briefing statement and is more technically accurate, why should that not be used in the letter?

I might rephrase the questions that you pose in the following paragraphs to read more like in addition to the known impacts there is insufficient information from the application to understand the full level of impacts . I say that because I wouldn't want them to think that even if those were addressed, we'd be good with what is proposed. Think about it

On Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 12:45 PM Stenvall, Charlie <charlie_stenvall@fws.gov> wrote:

I was going to call you to discuss but I just went ahead and made some organization changes etc ... If it's not clear, give me a call. I'll work on the letter next.

On Fri, Feb 8, 2019 at 2:10 PM BrownScott, Jennifer <jennifer_brownscott@fws.gov> wrote:

Here are the first drafts of the letter, briefing paper, and a shorebird/waterfowl abundance map. You'll see some holding places (x's) for numbers we are still pulling together, but it should give you a good idea of what we are thinking.

The map shows the high use waterfowl and shorebird areas overlap the lease and the "Action Area" (area of indirect effects as described in the USFWS BiOp). We are still working on finishing it up and it isn't yet formatted to FWS standards, but we wanted to get your thoughts. We also have a map showing that eelgrass was excluded from the area during previous aquaculture activities and has since grown into the area. We couldn't quite get it PDF'ed in time to get it to you today. We'll send it next week.

Thanks for helping to make this briefing as successful as possible. We look forward to sharing other maps and making additional edits based on your feedback.

-jennifer

PS: snow is falling at about 4" an hour!

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