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## Additional Aquaculture Info

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Met with Hansi Hals yesterday. Most important discussion points:

- Chairman Allen recently received a letter from Robyn thanking him for the meeting and telling him that we would respond shortly. She expects that Chairman Allen will be calling Robyn.
- The Tribe submitted Mitigation/Monitoring and Ops Plans with their application. We did not see these documents (for a variety of reasons) and did not use them in our response. It looks as if they are still requesting access to the area during the migration and wintering seasons (up to ~6 people, 6 days/month, 6 hours/day). Based on this preliminary review, it does not seem our overall concerns or recommendation would change. However, they do provide some specifications (e.g., timing) that would slightly change some of the general statements in our comment letter. I would like to discuss the path forward.
- We discussed the possibility of a different location. She will contact DNR to see if they would provide "covered status" on an alternate site.
- Their lawyers believe that "an unacceptable level of impact" is a regulatory statement (although she couldn't tell me which regulation would use that language), and therefore, provides a federal determination. I got the impression they may use this rationale to attack the SEPA/NEPA process if they do not like the outcome.

Mitigation/Monitoring and Ops plans attached. My preliminary notes on the plans are also attached.

Hope you are having a good Friday.

-jennifer

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### 3 attachments

 **DUNGENESS BAY OPERATIONS PLAN.pdf**  
47K

 **MITIGATION & MONITORING PLAN.PDF**  
450K

 **Ops\_Mitigation\_Monitor\_jbsnotes\_06072019.docx**  
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