

Summary of Aquaculture Communications with Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe 2015 – 2021

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9/17/2015

FWS Sylvia Pelizza, Jennifer Brown-Scott (JBS) and Nathan Dexter; JST Councilman Kurt Grinnell, Scott Chitwood (NR Director), Kelly Toy, and Ralph Riccio (Aquaculture Lease Lead); DNR; and WDFW. Discussed the process the Refuge would take to determine compatibility. Type of process and its complexity would be determined once an official proposal was received from the Tribe.

10/14/15

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Provided/discussed Refuge Purpose, Compatibility, Appropriateness, Economic Use Regulations, and BIDEH. Stated that we would still need to confirm FWS jurisdiction

11/25/15

Letter: Director Thorson to Chairman Allen

Would like to continue conversation regarding aquaculture. Responsive to interests while meeting Refuge obligations to protect aquatic resources and migratory birds and their breeding and wintering habitats.

01/12/2016

Meeting: JBS and Ralph Riccio

He said that if we couldn’t have approval done by May that there were people within the Tribe that would seek a political resolution.

JBS asked about placing the lease elsewhere, that we would use the same process as with any non-Tribal applicant and described the CD and Appropriateness process. Asked for detail of planned operations (gave examples).

3/9/2016

Meeting: FWS Sylvia Pelizza, Kevin Foerster, and JBS; JST Vice Chair, Kurt Grinnell (Councilman, Chairman Natural Resource Committee), Scott Chitwood (Natural Resources Program), Ralph Riccio (Permitting Lead), Kelly Toy (Shellfish Program Lead).

Kevin discussed compatibility and asked if native oysters could be farmed.

4/1/2016

Meeting: Jennifer, JST staff (Scott Chitwood (NR Director), Kelly Toy, Ralph Riccio; NOAA; DNR; Clallam Co.; ACE and WADOE

FWS will be evaluating the project for compatibility with the Refuge mission/purposes, notably for any conflicts with migratory birds. This process is required but never completed in the past. As a result of this evaluation, additional avoidance measures may be considered. FWS provided compatibility guidance questions.

The Tribe will respond to the compatibility questions from FWS and include their responses with their application.

4/04/2016

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Followed up with email saying that work windows meeting the current lease requirements (may 15 - July 30) would make it easier to accommodate the request. Provided wildlife use periods.

Requested work windows and detailed project information.

4/4/16

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Requested work windows and additional questions

6/1/16

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Begin CD after ACE and County permits are obtained.
CD and NEPA.

Provide negative impacts to DNR to inform the lease.

7/2016

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Conducted eelgrass surveys with JST

9/26/16

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Completed eelgrass maps and shared with JST

9/27/16

Email: Anan Raymond to Ralph Riccio

Re: Sect. 106 compliance

6/2017

Site Visit: Lorenz Sollmann, DNR, and JST

12/2017

Email: JBS to JST (Ralph Riccio & David Brownell), ACE, DNR, WAECY, Clallam Co.

RE: Responding to JST questions about Lead Agency for Sect 106 compliance.

12/2017

Phone Call: Ralph Riccio called with permit questions, and was directed to the ACE representative.

2/2018

JST submitted permit applications to ACE and the County that requested year-round access.

3/2018

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio.

Asked if the application should be assessed in the Standard Permit process because of the Refuge meeting the definition of a Special Aquatic Site.

4/2018

Email: JBS to Ralph Riccio

Provided a copy of our comments prior to submission.

4/3/18

Submitted Comments to Clallam County.

5/24/18

Meeting: FWS JBS and Lorenz Sollmann; JST Hansi Hals (Natural Resource Director), Liz Tobin (Permit Lead), and Diana Bob (legal counsel)

Discussed that no CD would be completed because this is not a fee tideland but a use-easement tideland with Washington DNR. It would be a different type of review.

5/30/18

Letter: Director Thorson to Chairman Allen

Our involvement has focused on providing input on ways to minimize or eliminate impacts to important Refuge resources. Our jurisdiction is narrow.

8/21/2018

Meeting: JST Hansi Hals and Liz Tobin; FWS JBS and Lorenz Sollmann

Discussed Marine Debris Removal.

12/20/18

Meeting: JST Liz Tobin and Hansi Hals; FWS Sue Thomas and JBS

Discuss JST new SEPA, JARPA. Discussed compatibility and looked for prior determinations.

2/22/19

Phone Call: JBS to Hansi Hals

Re: Discuss comment letter to be submitted.

2/26/19

Email: cc: Hansi Hals and Elizabeth Tobin.

FWS Submitted Comments to Clallam County & ACE.

2/27/19

Refuge sends amended comments to ACE based on response to JST concerns.

3/7/2019

Email: JBS to Hansi Hals

Provided additional information regarding the comment in response to questions regarding our most recent comment to the Corps and County.

5/1/19

Meeting: JST (Chairman Allen, Hansi Hals, Liz Tobin, Kelly Toy, Tim Cullinan); Robyn Thorson, Mary Abrams and Kevin Foerster

5/21/19

Letter: FWS Comment to USACE and Clallam County

In response to the Tribe's concern that we had not provided adequate rationale for our concerns, the Refuge provided additional information and references to support our earlier comment/recommendations.

JBS was on AL (driving to an area with very limited cell coverage) when the comments were finally approved for submission. Called Hansi Hals (while transiting Snoqualmie Pass) to provide awareness of the new comment submission. She was not available, so a message was left.

6/6/19

Meeting: JBS and Hansi Hals

Discussed JST concerns with FWS comment letter.

6/18/19

Email JBS to Hansi Hals

re: request to withdraw comments.

8/2020

Communication: JST with ES, re: Gear Monitoring Plan.

8/6/2019

Letter: Director Thorson to USACE

Withdraws FWS comments. "We are concerned about potential impacts to Refuge wildlife and habitat based on the proposed location for this activity." "We recommend operations and monitoring activities occur outside of the migration and wintering periods for shorebirds and waterfowl."

8/21/20

Phone Call: JST Hansi Hals, Liz Tobin; FWS Emily Teachout and JBS

Discussion of Gear Retrieval. Provided recommended timing May 15 - July 31 (onshore) and May 15 - Sept 30 in tidelands open to public use.

10/20/20

Letter: Ecological Services to USACE and JST

RE: Gear plan meets Sect 7 needs, but could require a compatibility determination.

3/29/21

Phone Call: JBS and Liz Tobin

Discussed Monitoring Plan and CD for gear retrieval.

4/5/21, 4/14/21, and 5/10/21

Meeting w/ Hansi Hals, Sissi Bruch and Liz Tobin; Kevin Kilbride, and Vanessa Loverti; Jennifer Brown-Scott

RE: Avian Monitoring Plan

Several emails between providing monitoring resources.

4/5/21

Email Kevin Kilbride to Sissi Bruch, Liz Tobin, and Hansi Hals

Shared Survey Protocol Handbook.

4/14/21

Email: Kevin Kilbride to Sissi Bruch, Liz Tobin, and Hansi Hals
Shared Refuge Resources of Concern and Management Priorities Handbook.

4/14/21

Email: Vanessa Loverti to Sissi Bruch, Liz Tobin, and Hansi Hals
Shared shorebird resources.

4/15/21

Email: Kevin Kilbride to Sissi Bruch, Liz Tobin, and Hansi Hals
Shared references for creating a monitoring plan.

5/17/21

Email: JBS to Sissi Bruch, Liz Tobin, and Hansi Hals. Cc: Kevin Kilbride and Vanessa Loverti
Provided comments/recommendations re: avian monitoring plan.

5/20/21 and 5/24/21

Email: JBS to Liz Tobin and Hansi Hals

Re: Response to questions related to monitoring and gear retrieval plans

6/17/21

Email: JBS to Hansi Hals and Liz Tobin

Affirming receipt of their SUP request. It "is being reviewed".

6/10/21

Phone calls: Kevin Foerster with Chairman Allen and Hansi Hals.

JST will need an SUP to cross the Use Easement and for gear retrieval. This will trigger a Compatibility Determination involving a 15-day public comment period.

6/24/21

Email: Kevin Foerster to Chairman Allen sharing that SOL is reviewing the June 15 letter. USFWS working to expedite review.