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Subject: Re: FOR ROBYN/HUGH - Dungeness Update
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Thank you.

BTW for ES and Refuges: during the “Mighty Columbia “ presentations (yesterday and today) there was a remarkable “primer” (VERY sophisticated) re: shellfish in the Pacific Northwest: natural and commercial production, permitting, current key issues, etc. When Hugh and I receive the recording and materials next week, we’ll look for possible ways to share that particular session, FYI only.

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On Mar 5, 2021, at 11:47 AM, Nelson, Marjorie <marjorie_nelson@fws.gov> wrote:

Robyn,

You are indeed correct. Emily Teachout has been the lead POC on this project. We were sorry to lose her work as acting regional litigation coordinator, but she's very much in demand. Emily plays a crucial role in many of the WFWO including this project.

Thanks,
Marj

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Thank you.

Was I correct that Emily is the “partner” with Jennifer on addressing steps ahead? My question about status was prompted by Emily’s “return” to WFWO from her Litigation Coordinator role....but perhaps I mis-attributed the assignment. NO CONCERNS AT ALL: I just want to give credit where credit is due (much appreciated).

No rush getting back to me. Thanks again for reply, and anything further (as convenient for you).

Robyn

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Good Morning, Robyn and Hugh-

Per your request, please find below a very brief update on the current status of work from ES. We coordinated with Refugees on this issue.

- WFWO completed a formal consultation through an existing Shellfish

Aquaculture Programmatic. A letter was sent to the Corps of Engineers on 10/20/2020 documenting consistency with the Programmatic Biological Opinion. That concluded our formal consultation with the Corps on the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's action.

- ACOE has not issued a FONSI or permit; if they do issue the permit then the Tribe would need to work through state DNR on leasing and create disturbance monitoring protocols that are acceptable to the refuge.
- Recent litigation brought by the Center for Food Safety against the ACOE will likely impact the use of Nationwide Permit 48 for oyster culture activities in the Puget Sound area.

<https://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/press-releases/6264/court-of-appeals-backs-environmentalists-federal-greenlight-of-industrial-shellfish-aquaculture-unlawful>

Please let us know if you have additional questions on this issue.

Thank you,
Marj

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