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**To:** [Morrison, Hugh R](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Note to Chairman Allen  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 4:40:07 PM

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Hugh - perhaps it would be better for the message to come from you at this point. Here is your text and I added my name and changed "conservation" to "the conversation" in the second paragraph.

Chairman Allen,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with our Refuge Chief Kevin Foerster regarding the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's proposal to resume commercial shellfish operations on the Washington Department of Natural Resource lease lands within the Dungeness National Wildlife. We share your interest in resolving questions regarding the proposed operations as quickly as possible. With this in mind, we will respond to the formal request of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's this week indicating no further need for coordination with the Service prior to issuance of the 404 permit.

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Thank you,

Hugh Morrison  
Deputy Regional Director

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Kevin,

Here is my thought on a response to Chairman Allen. Are you comfortable with the last sentence of the first paragraph?

Hugh

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*I live and work in the traditional homelands of the Chinook, Clackamas, Cowlitz, Kalapuya, Kathlamet, Molalla, Multnomah, and Wasco people who have made their homes along the lower Columbia River for thousands of years.*