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Attachments: [JST_GearSurveillance_RetreivalPlan_Revised_082820.pdf](#)

Kevin,

We can talk about this issue when you get caught up but at this point, just want you to be aware that a CD just for gear retrieval outside the lease area is being prepared by Jennifer and will go out for public review and up to you for concurrence. We (Mig Birds, Refuge, Regional IM) USGS and Audubon do not find the monitoring for impacts as proposed by the Tribe is in anyway sufficient to evaluate the impacts of their activities on the Refuge. That being said, while we are clear about that, ACOE doesn't need our approval on the monitoring plan for them to replace the provisional permit with a final permit. When that happens, and it will, outside groups will file if they are going to file. DNR will still need to issue the lease agreement, but all indications are that if the ACOE issues the permit, they're issuing the lease.

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Here's JST's response to our comments(below). Looks like they are asking us to provide approval for their gear retrieval plan before completing the official compatibility determination. And, they are not planning to conduct monitoring of impacts outside of the lease area.

-jennifer

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Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for continued engagement with the Jamestown Tribe as we proceed with permitting and associated conditions for renewing the Tribe's oyster farm activity on our DNR leased tidelands within Dungeness Bay. It was helpful to understand the USFWS Compatibility Determination process that would be initiated for any off-lease activities after the permit is signed. The USACE confirmed that process, however for their administrative record they would like to assure that:

1. USFWS DNWR has no objection to the gear surveillance and retrieval plan submitted and approved as part of the Sect 7 consultation; and that USFWS DNWR intends to conduct a compatibility assessment and determination for any off-lease activity related to the gear plan after the USACE 404 permit is signed. This compatibility determination would appropriately limit and permit (via special permit authorization) off-lease gear retrieval. This is the same plan that we coordinated and provided a copy to you with submittal to Ryan McReynolds for in August of last year (see below) – attached again here for your convenience.
2. USFWS DNWR has no objection to Jamestown Tribe conducting on-lease wildlife monitoring in tandem with already scheduled and permitted shellfish farm operations.

As far as the particulars of the wildlife/bird monitoring plan, we received the combined USFWS comments. Thank you for your effort to collate and combine the group's thoughts. We are reworking the monitoring plan with those comments in mind. Based on those comments, we propose that the bird monitoring is conducted on-lease exclusively with no associated off-lease monitoring to be included in the Tribe's monitoring plan. However, as previously expressed during our conversations, the Tribe welcomes any off-lease companion monitoring by USFWS.

Thank you,
Liz

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] JST Proposal Gear Retrieval Plan

Hi Everyone,

Thank you for working collaboratively to improve on and refine the gear surveillance and retrieval plan.

Thank you for documenting the plan too, in a way/form that we can ultimately share and discuss with the Corps of Engineers Project/Permit Manager. [I am aware we received a second version, with minor correction, on 8/28. - RM -]

I did just now speak with the Corps PM (Pam S.). We agreed to hold a brief conference call soon (Emily and I, Pam and the Corps' ESA Lead and/or Section Chief), to discuss ESA consultation for the proposed action. We will try to accomplish that in the next week, week-and-a-half, and then hopefully have an agreed path forward and schedule for completing the ESA consultation.

We will keep you informed of our progress.

Thank You, Regards, Stay Well,

- Ryan -

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Emily and Ryan,

Attached is the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s plan for meeting conservation measure #22, specific to gear surveillance and retrieval for the Dungeness Bay Oyster Farm.

All other applicable conservation measures of the Programmatic Biological Opinions for Shellfish Activities in WA State Inland Marine Waters (USFWS Reference number 01EWF00-2016-F0121, and NMFS Reference number WCR-2014-1502) shall be met as explicitly presented in the Programmatic. We have incorporated the specific recommendations provided by Jennifer so that it can be assured this plan is compatible with DNWR management and can obtain a special use permit for gear retrieval if needed.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any clarification or have follow up questions

Thank you,
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