

**From:** [Thorson, Robyn](#)  
**To:** [Morrison, Hugh R](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Do you have time for a phone call today regarding the permitting issues for oyster cultivation in Dungeness NWR?  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:00:24 PM

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I am worried. And sick at heart. Refuges is positioning. This is so important to the tribe.

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On Jun 9, 2021, at 12:45 PM, Morrison, Hugh R <[hugh\\_morrison@fws.gov](mailto:hugh_morrison@fws.gov)> wrote:

I think there is recognition that we need to examine all possibilities before we consider throwing a red card on the project, particularly since the compatibility determination on commercial operations is going to be a surprise to the Tribe. That said, I repeatedly asked if they saw a path to a positive determination, and the responses were "we don't know enough about the project" rather than "we are committed to working closely with Tribe and believe we can find a way." It may take some further encouragement to get to "yes".

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**From:** Thorson, Robyn <[robyn\\_thorson@fws.gov](mailto:robyn_thorson@fws.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:04 PM

**To:** Morrison, Hugh R <hugh\_morrison@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Do you have time for a phone call today regarding the permitting issues for oyster cultivation in Dungeness NWR?

Do you feel like FWS is trying to get to “yes” on this?.... I worry about positioning, rather than possibility.

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**From:** "Foerster, Kevin" <kevin\_foerster@fws.gov>  
**Date:** June 9, 2021 at 10:13:47 AM PDT  
**To:** "Thorson, Robyn" <robyn\_thorson@fws.gov>, "Morrison, Hugh R" <hugh\_morrison@fws.gov>  
**Cc:** "Ogura, Christine" <christine\_ogura@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** **Fw: [EXTERNAL] Do you have time for a phone call today regarding the permitting issues for oyster cultivation in Dungeness NWR?**

Hugh and Robyn,

I have attempted to set up a call with Chairman Allen - **see his response below** - I will talk with him this afternoon.

Please note that I reached out to Frank Wilson to get some clarity and validate talking points.

Kevin

**Kevin Foerster**

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**From:** W Ron. Allen <rallen@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:51 AM  
**To:** Foerster, Kevin <kevin\_foerster@fws.gov>  
**Cc:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do you have time for a phone call today regarding the permitting issues for oyster cultivation in Dungeness NWR?

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**Kevin, I'll circle back to you later this afternoon. I'm on a long DOI/BIA call with Sec. Haaland until around 3pm or so. Thanks, Ron**

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**From:** Foerster, Kevin <kevin\_foerster@fws.gov>  
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**Cc:** Hansi Hals <hhals@jamestowntribe.org>  
**Subject:** Do you have time for a phone call today regarding the permitting issues for oyster cultivation in Dungeness NWR?

Chairman Allen,

Robyn Thorson asked me to reach out to you regarding your email and requests for a "No Objection" letter. I am available anytime today (if you have time - except between 3-4pm). If you are not available, would you please direct me to someone on your Tribal staff that you would like me to speak with today. I copied Hansi Hals on this email in case you would like meet to talk with her.

Please let me know.

Many thanks, Kevin

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