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Sharing Martha's response to the Chairman.

Finding the silver lining - our briefing last week was well timed...

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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.

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Good morning Chairman Allen –

Thank you for your continued patience. While I have not gotten back to you on this important matter, please know that we at the US Fish and Wildlife Service are working closely with our Solicitors and will get back to you before the season starts. I also realize we are getting close to the season, and to clarify, that it starts in October? If we are not correct in that, let's discuss so that we can adjust that timeline. You have been very patient with us and I very much appreciate the time and space you have given us to work through this important issue. We will not leave this matter unresolved during this next season.

I look forward to further conversations.

My best, Martha

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Martha,

It has been almost 3 months since we met last June 9th in DC to resolve our impasse on our Treaty right to access our Oyster Farm. To repeat, we have worked out all our issues and operations plan. Again, the last hurdle was the notion that USFWS objected to our accessing the site. We firmly believe that we have Treaty right access. We have simply asked that USFWS confirm our right to commence operations. Our Tribe feels you and your staff have had more than adequate time to confirm our rights consistent with the Executive Order 13175 and the DOI Secretary's Memorandum.

We are getting to the point where our Tribe has two choices, ether send a letter of agreement so we can move on or we determined to send our guys out there and plant and USFWS can sue us over exercising our Treaty rights. The State agrees with us that they leased the property with the intent we have the right to access the leased property. We do have an option to take this matter to the Secretary if you do not want to make the decision. Our Tribe after 6 years, don't feel that we have to wait for review after review to make what we feel is an easy decision.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks, Ron

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