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Christine, here are the notes and the documents approved while you were enjoying some much deserved time off.

### **Acting Notes August 22-26, 2022**

**8/22/2022** Attended Chiefs Check in, RD call, 1330 Refuges RO Senior Leadership call.

**8/23/2022** Justin Sexton responded to Kate Norman (Acting RD) about questions about the Categorical Exclusion Checklist for Nepa Compliance for Tonquin Wetlands Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.

**8/24/2022** Brent Lawrence from External Affairs asked me to review a press release on opening public access at Wapato Lake NWR. Area Sup Stenvall recommended that we hold off until after Friday's briefing with Hugh. **8/26/2022** After our call Stenvall gave the green light to release the info with one correction on the date of the opening date.

**8/25/2022** Dungeness NWR Oystering and Self Governance Call.

Attendance: Frank Wilson, Sol, Hugh Morrison, Jennifer BrownScott, Martha Williams, Jennifer Keatinge, Conservation Program Specialist, Cynthia Martinez, Sara Krakoff, Dep Sol, Lynn Peterson, Sol. Nathan Dexter, Gary Poen.

Hugh gave background and updated team on situation. The discussion focused on meeting with the Tribe and determining what is Inherently Federal Functions (IFF). The tribe wanted the list of what is IFF sometime in September. There was concern about the short time to compile and define what is IFF. Hugh recommended that we ask for an extension soon so that it does not appear that we are delaying. The team discussed having some reoccurring meetings to discuss. End

**8/25/2022** Attended the DFP June Cohort Presentation.

**8/26/2022** Wapato Lake Public use EA call with Acting Regional Director Hugh Morrison.

Attendance: Hugh Morrison, Acting DRD Kate Norman, Charlie Stenvall, Justin Sexton, Rebecca Chuck, Eva Kristofik, Gary Poen.

Rebecca gave some background on the Refuge and issues with the levy system. Rebecca indicated the plan is opening the Refuge to the public officially on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the public will have total access from February to September. TPart of the Refuge trail system will be closed starting in September. The Refuge will be open only to migratory bird hunting in December and January. Rebecca estimated that work will be complete on repairing the levy system within five years and the Refuge will reevaluate the public use at that time.

### **Documents Approved:**

**8/22/2022** I signed Advanced Annual Leave Request for Rebecca Scully This is for an approval of

advanced leave for Bridgette's new employee who is onboarding from another agency and waiting for her A/L to transfer over.

**8/25/2022** I signed a Star Award for \$1500 from Ric Lopez for Jared Underwood for work done on 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Midway. This was submitted a couple of days after the deadline for Star Award submissions.

**8/26/2022** Justin signed North Springs Fire Emergency Stabilization (ES)/Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)Plan for Sheldon/Hart.

**8/26/2022** Justin signed the DOE reimbursable agreement invasive control for umtanum.

End.

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