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The Clallam County Staff Report for the DNS on Shoreline Permits for Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's proposed commercial aquaculture operation states the following:

*The DNR would also have to decide whether they would be willing to issue new aquatic leases in Dungeness Bay. Based on tribal rights outlined in the Treaty of 1855, DNR has different consideration for the lease of areas to the Tribes vs non-tribal entities. Therefore, it is unlikely that this proposal would result in proliferation of additional shellfish proposals in Dungeness Bay or the area. Therefore, there should be no cumulative impacts from this proposal on Dungeness Bay or the area.*

Is it true that DNR uses a different set of regulations to approve/disapprove commercial lease applications from Tribes vs non-tribal entities? If another commercial user came to you for a lease in Dungeness Bay (not necessarily this particular lease) with the same County and Corps permits in hand, would you treat them differently?

Just trying to figure out if these permits could set a precedent for other shellfish leases in Dungeness Bay/Harbor.

Thanks,  
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