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Thanks Robyn for the update. I'd like to sit in on the call with Refuges on the 3rd if that is possible. I am hopeful that flexibilities win the day but I know this is a hard pill to swallow for some in the refuge program. I sit on the Self Governance Negotiated Rule Making Federal Committee. We spoke with the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee at their national virtual gathering last week. Chairman Alan who serves on that tribal committee for Tribes was on the call and he and I spoke at length but not about this particular issue....thankfully. This can be a real win for us and again I hope we can all meet at the middle ground on this nationally. Thanks.



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This is FYI, to keep you apprised of developments:

On January 13 the Regional Solicitor (Lynn Peterson) sent me a message attaching a memorandum that offers perspectives from SOL on the Secretarial Order in reference to the Dungeness NWR/JST shellfish permit; RegSOL emphasized the importance of attorney/client privilege on the memo. I shared the memo with our region's Refuge program leads last Wednesday January 26 and a meeting with HQ Refuges is scheduled for this coming Thursday, February 3. We have emphasized to our team (and I'll emphasize again here) that this matter, with the lead in the region, has significant NWR policy/process issues and we're staying in close coordination between the AD's team and RD's team.

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (through their lawyer and from their Chairman Ron Allen) criticizes the time it is taking FWS to address the issues the tribe has raised in criticism of a Compatibility Determination along with both legal and biological arguments that support their access to their permit for shellfish farming. I replied to the Chairman in an email advising that we are marshaling our focus/team; RegSOL provides updated information to the JST attorney.

That's where we are. Please let me know if you have questions/comments/concerns.

Robyn

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