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**Subject:** Dungeness RE: Wanted to let you know how we are responding to a media inquiry  
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Robyn,

Sharing the email exchange between Christine and Hansi. Positive overall.

Hugh

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FYI below.

Thanks and please take care,  
Christine

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Good morning Hansi,

Yes, I had heard that Washington got a fair bit of snow as well. We here in Portland have enjoyed some of it as well.

The reporter said his inquiry was prompted by some letters of concern from local environmentalists they had received.

Best to you as well during this holiday season and Happy New Year.

Thanks and please take care,  
Christine

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Thank you Christine for the notification.

We have plenty of snow and a surprising amount of ice on Sequim Bay. It's been interesting to watch the waterfowl huddle into the pockets of open water during high tide.

It's a curious press inquiry, and I appreciate your courtesy notice. All best Season's Greetings to you, and Happy New Year. Hansi

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Hi Hansi,

I hope this email finds you well and having enjoyed a nice holiday last week.

I wanted to let you know that we received a media inquiry from the Sequim Gazette inquiring about the Tribe's interest in pursuing aquaculture operations at the refuge and the current status of this.

I wanted to share with you our response that we will be sending the Gazette.

*The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently assessing issues related to access to seasonally closed portions of Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge by the Tribe for the aquaculture project. Where applicable, the Service determines if a proposed use is compatible with purposes of the refuge. If developed, a written compatibility determination has a minimum 14 day public review period. Washington DNR, the Army Corps of Engineers and Clallam County are the agencies responsible for the permits and leases issued for the project. We defer comments on the processes and monitoring requirements to those agencies. The Service will continue to work with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and other agencies on this matter. The Service is responsible for addressing potential impacts to plants and wildlife on the refuge.*

I am sharing this with you so you are aware as we want to continue to keep our lines of communication open and we don't want the Tribe to be surprised.

Thanks and please take care,  
Christine

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