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Regulatory Branch

Attn: Pamela Sanguinetti (Sent via email to: pamela.sanguinetti@usace.army.mil)

P.O. Box 3755

Seattle WA, 98124-3755

Subject: Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; NWS-2007-1213

Dear Ms. Sanguinetti:

The Port of Port Angeles would like to express support for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's shellfish cultivation within Dungeness Bay. Resuming shellfish aquaculture is supported by the Port because of the economic benefit to the county. Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe has a long history of successful resource management that provides both economic benefit and improves the health of the region's natural resources. This proposed operation is a continuation of this economic success and environmental excellence.

Resuming the Dungeness Bay oyster farm will create job opportunities in both Clallam and Jefferson Counties through direct employment of farm workers, processors and delivery drivers, as well as, ongoing employment through hatchery operations in Brinnon and John Wayne Marina.

This project has been designed to reduce the impact to the environment. The proposed cultivation methods and activities for re-establishment of oyster operations would present lesser potential impacts than the former operations and will avoid eelgrass beds and forage fish spawning areas.

The Port strongly supports the efforts of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe as they seek federal permits to resume shellfish cultivation on land that is culturally important to the Tribe. This project will build upon the existing economic strengths of our community.

Sincerely

Karen Goschen

Executive Director – Port of Port Angeles