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W. Ron Allen
Tribal Chairman and CEO
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
1033 Old Blyn Highway
Sequim, Washington 98382

Dear Chairman Allen:

Thank you for your letter of July 1, 2022, requesting initiation of a process to negotiate an agreement for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (Tribe) to manage programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFAs), or portions thereof, located at the Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge (Dungeness NWR) under Section IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) formally acknowledges this request and looks forward to working with you and your designated negotiations team.

The Service understands that the Tribe is requesting to begin the negotiation phase of the Title IV process as outlined in 25 CFR Part 1000. If we are mistaken, and the Tribe is requesting to initiate the information phase, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

As acting Regional Director, I will serve as the Service's lead representative for the negotiations.

The Service will review the PSFAs for the Dungeness NWR for possible inclusion in a funding agreement under Title IV of the ISDEAA. Information about staffing and funding levels, along with other information listed in 25 CFR § 1000.172, will be provided to the extent available and consistent with Service budgetary process. We will continue to internally address the requirements of 25 CFR § 1000.175 and 25 CFR § 1000.176 in preparation for the forthcoming negotiation.

Thank you for agreeing to meet with the Service for a pre-negotiation meeting to begin initiating the process for negotiation. At your suggestion, we will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 10am PST.

The Service is looking forward to continuing to work with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe regarding Dungeness NWR and the Tribe's request under Title IV of the ISDEAA. If you have any questions, please contact me at hugh_morrison@fws.gov or (503) 278-9526.

Sincerely,

Acting Regional Director

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