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The Honorable Ron Allen  
Tribal Council Chairman  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
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The Honorable Jeromy Sullivan  
Chairman  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe  
31912 Little Boston Road NE  
Kingston, WA 98346

**RE: Review of Information Relating to Traditional Hunting by Port Gamble S'Klallam  
and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes in the WDFW Dickey and Sol Duc GMUs**

Dear Chairmen Allen and Sullivan:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) sincerely appreciates the co-management relationship we have developed with the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes on hunting matters and the cooperation of the Tribes' representatives in working with WDFW staff as we worked through our process to review and consider information in support of the Tribes' asserted traditional hunting area.

Historical Research Associates (HRA) has completed its independent review of information submitted by the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes, in conjunction with the information provided separately by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, with regard to assertions of traditional hunting in portions of the Dickey and Sol Duc Game Management Units (GMUs) outside the Tribes' ceded areas. Enclosed please find a copy of the report by Dr. Gail Thompson with HRA. I am also sharing a copy of this report with the other interested Tribes. Please note that assertions of traditional hunting areas in the Hoko, Quinault Ridge, Skokomish, and Wynoochee GMUs are not directly addressed in this report, and are being reviewed separately.

As part of our process, WDFW shared the information provided by the Klallam Tribes with the other Tribes whose ceded areas overlap with the Dickey and Sol Duc GMUs and solicited their comments as well. WDFW received comments from the Makah, Quileute, and Hoh Tribes on this matter, which were also provided to the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes, and we shared those with Dr. Thompson as well.

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We carefully considered all of the information submitted by the Tribes, as documented in the attached report. Based upon the results of this review, WDFW has concluded that there is insufficient information to justify exercise of our enforcement discretion to not apply State law to Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal members hunting outside of the Tribes' ceded areas within the Dickey and Sol Duc GMUs.

We would very much like to continue and build upon the co-management relationship we have developed with the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes on hunting matters, and would like to enter into a hunting co-management agreement with the Tribes that includes those portions of the Dickey and Sol Duc GMUs within the Tribes' ceded area. We believe that such an agreement would strengthen our co-management relationship, and benefit the resource and the parties by providing for coordination on hunting regulations, harvest reporting, population monitoring, addressing landowner damage issues, and enforcement efforts. In addition, our co-management hunting agreement helps facilitate tribal and nontribal hunting access to private commercial timberlands with landowner permission and cooperative enforcement efforts, including referrals of hunting safety law violations, while preserving the rights and arguments of all parties with respect to the scope of the Tribes' treaty rights. In light of these benefits, I hope that Tribes will give careful consideration to signing the enclosed co-management agreement with WDFW (once we develop revised Appendices A and B, consistent with this letter).

As you know, we are scheduled to meet with the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 20 in Kingston. We look forward to that meeting, and hope we may focus our efforts on finalizing a co-management agreement consistent with the geographic limits described above.

Sincerely,



Philip Anderson  
Director

Enclosures

cc: Timothy Greene, Chair, Makah Tribe  
Maria Lopez, Chair, Hoh Tribe  
Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Indian Nation  
Charles Woodruff, Chair, Quileute Tribe  
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