

RE: Growing Area 251 Status

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To: Hans Hurn <hans.hurn@confenv.com>;

Good Morning,

I hope you are enjoying the fall weather this week. Status update for the Prohibited area in Nisqually Reach Growing Area:

We are in process evaluating the shoreline of the growing area, which includes evaluating onsite septic systems along the shoreline and sampling all shoreline drainages during both the wet season and dry season. We have collected all of our dry season samples and still need to finish wet season sampling and onsite evaluations. The report is anticipate to be completed winter 2018. In addition, Thurston County Environmental Health is continuing their onsite septic system dye test program along the shoreline. I will have a better idea in early 2018 if we will be moving to reclassify this area or if the county needs to complete their onsite septic work before reclassifying this area. We hope to reclassify this area in the next few years, that is dependent on low bacteria levels in the shoreline drainages and repairs to failing onsite septic systems.

I would encourage you to check back in with me in late January 2018. I will have a more concrete timeline and path to reopening the area. Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns over the next few months.

Cheers

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