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Thank you for your comments on the Harper Estuary Restoration Project DNS. Our response follows.

> WDFW has been working with Lindie Schmidt, DNR Aquatic Lands Manager, regarding land ownership issues and upcoming permitting needs. Until recently, Kitsap County was thought to be the owner of the tidelands (per County Assessor records). However, survey work by Kitsap County Public Works identified ownership by DNR with use agreements in some locations for Kitsap County. Per Lindie's recommendation, WDFW initiated a professional tideland survey with Pace Engineering with results available shortly. This information will be provided to DNR for review as part of the land use agreement process. WDFW submitted a JARPA with Attachment E to DNR Aquatics last week initiating the review process for the land use agreement. WDFW has been coordinating with DNR through restoration project development to assure we are working toward similar goals.
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> We appreciate the information about piling removal. At this time, we are uncertain whether the piles will be removed due to some of the concerns identified in the email from DNR. We will work with DNR staff to balance the benefits with potential impacts for removal. DNR has much experience with this type of project and the information is helpful.
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> Thank you for your comments. We look forward to working with DNR to complete this project.

Please contact me if you have additional comments or concerns about the SEPA or the project.

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