

W. T. Shannon, Director

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Mr. Leslie P. Arnberger, Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes, California 94956

Dear Mr. Arnberger:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting advice on regulation of the Johnson Oyster Company now within the bounds of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Upon reviewing this matter it becomes apparent that the legislation transferring the submerged lands at Point Reyes to the Federal Government specifically reserved the fishing rights to the State. (AB 1024 (Bagley) Ch. 983, Stats. of 1965).

It thus appears that all State laws and regulations pertaining to shellfish cultivation remain in effect and are applicable to the operations of Johnson Oyster Company. This would include annual rental, privilege taxes, planting requirements, etc. - in short all current sections of the Fish and Game Code, and of Title 14, California Administrative Code, which relate to shellfish cultivation.

We will appreciate your interpretation of this legislation and suggest that, if differences in opinion do exist, you so advise us and that a discussion be arranged between representatives of our agencies.

As you request, we are including copies of the maps and complete descriptions of shellfish allotments numbers 2 and 72 which are now held by the Johnson Oyster Company.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc Mr. Johnson
Assemblyman Bagley
Mr. Edgerton
Mr. Savage
Mr. Ralph Scott
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