



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE
Point Reyes, California 94956

IN REPLY REFER TO:

L1425

November 13, 1963

State of California
Department of Fish and Game
1001 Jedsmith Drive
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

The Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, California, includes within its boundaries Drakes Estero. A map showing Drakes Estero and the entire National Seashore is enclosed.

The legislative history of the Act establishing the Point Reyes National Seashore, the Act of September 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 538), provides that the oyster company on Drakes Estero should be allowed to continue in business. It was felt that provisions could be worked out between the National Park Service and the oyster company so that the oyster operations would not be incompatible with the National Seashore.

Mr. Charles Johnson of the Johnson Oyster Company has advised us that he has extensive allotments from the State of California in Drakes Estero and the Estero de Limantour. Mr. Johnson discussed with us the possibility of exchanging an allotment in the Estero de Limantour for an additional allotment in Drakes Estero. This appears to be desirable to both parties since the Estero de Limantour is in a proposed heavy visitor use area of the National Seashore and an additional allotment in Drakes Estero would consolidate the operations of the Johnson Oyster Company.

Since we are unfamiliar with State oyster allotments, please advise us of the nature of these allotments, their extent including boundaries and area, cost both initial and annual, and length of term and whether revocable. Also, please advise us of the extent to which the granting of an oyster allotment restricts the use of the area by users other than the owner of the allotment, especially those restrictions, if any, that an oyster allotment places on boating and swimming in the area. Although we are interested in any and all allotments in Drakes Estero and Estero de Limantour, we are especially interested in any allotment that might be in the area shaded red on the enclosed map.

Please send us copies of any documents pertaining to oyster allotments in Drakes Estero and Estero de Limantour granted to or now owned by the Johnson Oyster Company of Inverness, California.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Korneiis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Thomas Korneiis
Realty Officer

Enclosure