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For the week of December 26, 2016

This Week:
No hot topics

Upcoming:
No hot topics

For the ET Notes from December 19 ET Meeting Roundtable:
High Tide Line: On December 16, Governor Inslee sent a letter to General Spellmon of the Corps of Engineers' Northwest Division requesting that the Corps consider changing its interpretation of the "high tide line" for jurisdictional purposes in the Salish Sea to the "highest astronomical tide (HAT), or something similar to that of Washington State's Ordinary High Water Mark." An interagency workgroup of staff and managers from the Corps of Engineers Seattle District, Region 10, and NOAA-Fisheries recently submitted a report to senior leaders at each agency that includes a consensus recommendation to use Mean Annual Highest Tide as a better representative of the High Tide Line. While not HAT, the Mean Annual Highest Tide is similar to Washington's Ordinary High Water Mark and would be far more protective than the Mean High Higher Water datum currently used by the Seattle District to determine jurisdiction in marine waters.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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