Tribal Proposal Regarding
2002 Groundfish Harvests
Sept. 11, 2001

Mr. Chairman:

The tribes are proposing essentially status quo harvest limits for 2002 tribal fisheries. The Makah tribe has additional fisheries proposed in Exhibit C.3.c Supplemental Treaty Indian Harvest Levels.

The Council should adopt the following options for 2002 tribal fisheries:

**Black Rockfish** - The 2002 tribal harvest guidelines will be set at 20,000 pounds for the management area between the US/Canada border and Cape Alava, and 10,000 pounds for the management area located between Destruction Island and Leadbetter Point. As with the non-treaty regulations, for the management area between Cape Alava and Destruction Island, no tribal harvest restrictions are proposed.

**Sablefish** - The 2002 tribal set aside for sablefish will be set at 10 percent of the Monterey through Vancouver area OY.

**Thornyhead rockfish** - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for all fisheries. This trip limit will be for shortspine and longspine thornyheads combined.

**Lingcod** - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for all fisheries.

**Canary rockfish** - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for all fisheries.

**Other rockfish species** - The 2002 tribal longline restrictions regarding the landing of other rockfish species will operate under trip and cumulative limits. For other rockfish, tribal fisheries will operate under the same trip limits as the 2001 tribal fishery was structured, (except as indicated in Exhibit C.3.c Supplemental Treaty Indian Harvest Levels proposed by the Makah tribe). Because of the relatively small expected catches of the Treaty fisheries, the trip limits established at the beginning of the year will not be adjusted downward, nor will time restrictions be imposed, unless the harvest guidelines are achieved or unless in-season catch statistics demonstrate that the tribes have taken ½ of the harvest in the tribal area.
Pacific Whiting – For tribal Pacific whiting fisheries, I recommend that the Council adopt a tribal set aside of 27,500 mt (based on the ABC of 238,000 mt). However, the tribal set aside could change if a different OY is finally adopted.