Statement of the Washington Coastal Tribes on Mitchel Act Funding

- Columbia River Stocks are critical components of the Coastal Tribes ocean fisheries.

- The Mitchel Act represents a commitment for the Federal Government to mitigate for natural production lost due to construction of the Columbia River hydropower system. This mitigation responsibility does not go away as long as the dams are there.

- Mitchel Act Funding needs to be continuous and sufficient to meet the full mitigation responsibility.

- Mitchel Act Funds should be used to produce fish but should not be used to mass mark fish for selective fisheries.