At the September Council meeting, the tribes indicated that their tentative approach in getting into the sardine fishery was with some caution.

During the NOAA/Tribal caucus, the discussion was as follows:

4. Tribal Sardine Fishery Proposals: The tribes will not be seeking an allocation for sardines in the 2006 fishing season. The tribes would like to do a “test fishery” in 2006 to see how many fish are available in the Tribal U&A’s. The tribes will not be following the state landing restrictions, and will develop tribal regulations and procedures in 2006. A state and tribal meeting has been set up for a later date to discuss the tribes 2006 “test fishery”.

The two potential tribes that may participate in the sardine fishery are Makah and Quinault.