TRIBAL COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR SPINY DOGFISH AND PACIFIC COD FOR 2006

The Makah Tribe is proposing some changes in management of Pacific cod and spiny dogfish for 2006. I would direct the Council’s attention to Agenda Item D.1.b Supplemental Tribal Comments 2.

Pacific cod
The Makah Tribe notes that the Pacific cod trip limits being recommended for the non-treaty fleet for 2006 would be constraining for their fisheries. The majority of tribal landings are taken by a few Makah trawl vessels during brief seasonal fisheries. A small amount is also landed incidentally in other treaty fisheries. As such, the Makah Tribe is currently seeking a tribal harvest guideline from National Marine Fisheries Service of 350 mt - 400 mt. This amount is similar to recent landings and would approximate an equal treaty/non-treaty sharing of harvest on the northern Washington Coast.

Spiny dogfish
The Makah Tribe is also proposing a dogfish fishery for one or two vessels for 2006. This fishery would be managed within the trip limits being developed by the Council. The Tribe will meet with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure the fishery is prosecuted in times and areas of lowest bycatch of overfished species (i.e. yelloweye).

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