STATEMENT OF JIM HARP
TRIBAL MOTION FOR THE 2006 TREATY OCEAN TROLL
SALMON SEASON
TO THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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For the 2006 Treaty Ocean Troll Salmon Season, I move for the establishment of three options for public review.

Option I - quota levels of 50,000 chinook, and 45,000 coho

Option II - quota levels of 33,200 chinook, and 35,000 coho

Option III - quota levels of 25,000 chinook, and 25,000 coho

The salmon season will consist of a May/June chinook directed fishery and a July/August/September all-species fishery. The chinook harvest will be split between the two periods with the following sub-quotas: Option I 30,000; Option II 20,000; Option III 12,000 for the May/June Chinook directed fishery and the remainder in each option for the July/August/September all-species fishery.

The basic regulation package is to remain the same as contained in the 2005 Ocean Salmon Management Measures, which includes minimum size limits and gear restrictions.

I would also like to state for the record, that the tribes and state are just beginning the North of Falcon planning process in which we will evaluate the total impacts of all proposed fisheries on Puget Sound stocks. At the conclusion of these discussions, it is possible that the tribes may request in April that the Council adopt a treaty ocean troll quota that is lower than the three options that I have just proposed for evaluation and public review.

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