

**Testimony of Russell Svec, Fishery Manager, Makah Tribe**  
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Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, my name is Russell Svec. I am a member of the Makah Tribe, and also the fishery manager for the Makah Tribe. I'm speaking today on behalf of all four Washington coastal tribes: the Quinault, Hoh, Quileute and Makah Tribes.

The four Washington coastal tribes have reached a consensus on fishing levels for the treaty ocean troll fishery. We recommend the following quota levels:

For chinook, we recommend a total of 41,600, with 22,500 in the May-June time period, and the remaining 19,100 reserved for the all-species fishery in July-September. We also recommend a quota of 40,000 coho during the July-September time period.

We arrived at these numbers after a great deal of deliberation on the part of all four coastal tribes, and we have given consideration to a number of coho and chinook stocks of concern this year.

We are well aware of the NOAA guidance on Snake River fall chinook and Coweeman chinook. From reviewing earlier model runs, we think that these quotas, when combined with the non-treaty levels proposed for the ocean, will meet the NOAA guidelines.

This week's model runs show Lower Columbia River coho, now listed under ESA, very close to the NOAA guideline. Again, we think that the coho quota we are proposing here, when combined with the proposals for non-treaty ocean fisheries, will keep the marine exploitation rate at a level that will allow for an in-river fishery, while still meeting the NOAA guideline.

The coastal tribes also have concerns for stocks in Grays Harbor, the Queets River and the Quillayute River. We believe that these levels of ocean fishing address the conservation needs for these stocks as well.