

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COMMENTS ON
Final Action on 2006 Salmon Management Measures

My name is Mike Orcutt, I am the Director for Hoopa Tribal Fisheries. The Hoopa Valley Tribe (Tribe) thanks the Council for this opportunity to share its perspectives on the Final Action on 2006 Salmon Management Measures

1. We appreciate the comments of Mr. Roth (USFWS) this morning with respect to the Klamath situation. The Tribe also is looking forward to better days for Klamath chinook that have provided for the Hupa People since time immemorial and have contributed to communities coast wide for more than a century.
2. The Hoopa Valley Tribe is concerned for resource conservation. We recognize the impending economic impacts to communities expected in 2006 and look forward. We urge the Council to explore every opportunity to optimize economic opportunities while conserving the Klamath stock to ensure viable and sustainable fisheries in the future.
3. The Hoopa Valley Tribe reserves its right to match the impacts resulting in non-tribal fisheries on a fish-for-fish basis in its 2006 fishery. The Council may anticipate 50:50, tribal:non-tribal sharing of impacts to Klamath fish when projecting 2006 Klamath fall chinook adult natural area escapement in 2006.
4. In our testimony last March at Sea-Tac, the Tribe expressed concern over the general lack of impact analyses for fall fisheries. We reiterate our concern today, and strongly urge that a tool be developed for estimating fall fisheries during the modeling and analysis phase of spring and summer fisheries in the same calendar year.

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