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Bob Lohn
Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115-0070

Re: Treaty Indian Groundfish Fisheries in 2007 and 2008

Dear Mr. Lohn:

We have been asked to write to you on behalf of the Makah Indian Tribe. We understand that at its upcoming meeting the Pacific Fishery Management Council may consider reducing the allowable harvest of certain groundfish species, which include rockfish taken by tribal fisheries, under the Magnuson Act rebuilding plans applicable to each over fished stock. Because Council action to reduce impacts to these species has the potential to affect tribal fisheries, the Tribe requests, pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 660.324(d), that the agency discuss with the Tribe an allocation of such species, a treaty regulation specific to the Makah Tribe or other measures to address the impacts to these species after the Council's meeting.

Very truly yours,

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