Dr. John Coon, Deputy Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Dr. Coon,  

The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) is pleased to nominate Keith Lutz to fill the current vacancy for the Tribal Government position on the Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (PFMC) Salmon Technical Team (STT). Keith’s resume is attached and provides a description of his qualifications to fill this position.  

Keith has been employed by the NWIFC for over 20 years in a fisheries management capacity, and is currently the Manager of our Fisheries Management Section. Keith has extensive experience with Washington coastal and Puget Sound salmon fisheries and is familiar with coast-wide salmon fisheries. He has been responsible for compiling numerous fisheries management documents and agreements over the years and has effectively worked in a variety of technical forums. Most recently, Keith has been responsible for compiling the agreed upon fisheries document for the Washington Coast and Puget Sound. This agreement is the result of the North of Falcon process which occurs concurrent with, and closely coordinated with, the PFMC’s salmon management process. I believe Keith would be a valuable contributor to the STT in fulfilling its salmon management and planning duties.  

Given Keith’s extensive experience working with tribes I also feel he is especially well qualified to work not only with our member tribes, but with all of the tribal interests involved in the PFMC’s salmon management process. He will be an effective communicator to the tribes on salmon management issues at both the technical and policy levels.  

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination for the STT, and I encourage the Council to appoint Keith to the currently vacant tribal position.  

Sincerely,  

Billy Frank Jr.  
Chairman  
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission  

Cc: Commissioners  
Tribal Fisheries Managers