MOTION
For The Ocean Treaty Troll Fishery
Thursday, April 10, 2008

For the 2008 salmon fishery in the area from the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, Oregon, I move the following management structure be adopted by the Council for the Treaty Indian ocean salmon troll fisheries:

The Treaty Indian ocean troll fishery would have a quota of
- 37,500 Chinook and
- 20,000 coho.

The overall chinook quota would be divided into a 20,000-Chinook sub-quota for the May 1 through June 30 chinook only fishery and a 17,500-Chinook sub-quota for the all species fishery in the time period of July 1 through September 15.

The Treaty troll fishery would close upon the projected attainment of either of the Chinook or coho quota. Other applicable regulations are shown in Table 3 of STT Report Preliminary Analysis of Tentative 2008 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures (April 10, 2008) – Agenda Item F.5.b.
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At the appropriate time, I will offer a Motion for Treaty troll Chinook and coho quotas. I would like to offer a few comments first.

As I indicated in my previous statements, the tribes have been working on a package of fisheries that meets resource constraints of this year's forecasted abundances and fairly distributes the burden of conservation.

- The fisheries that the tribes have proposed are consistent with this year's resource conditions and take into account the need for each tribe to have some fishing opportunity in their area.
- The Treaty troll quotas represent a balance of the Treaty rights of the Coastal Tribes, as well as the four Columbia River Tribes and the Puget Sound Tribes given the conservation constraints of the many salmon stocks of concern in 2008.
- The proposed quotas for the ocean Treaty Indian troll fishery meets the ESA considerations for Columbia Lower River natural tules, Snake River Chinook, Lower Columbia River natural coho, concerns for low abundance of North Coast and Puget Sound Chinook.
- The proposed quotas also meet the commitments made under the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
- The ocean Treaty troll fishery presents an opportunity to exercise our Treaty rights in the ocean this year. One must remember; the Treaty tribes must exercise their Treaty rights in their established Usual & Accustomed (U&A) fishing areas, so the Treaty troll tribes cannot simply move their fisheries to alternative locations in order to reduce impacts.