

**Preliminary Definition of 2009 Management Options
to the Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 9, 2009**

- The forecasts for coho on the Washington coast for both wild and hatchery stocks are higher than last year, whereas Puget Sound coho is somewhat down. We believe that these forecasts will allow for some moderate harvest this year while taking into consideration the needs of the Lower Columbia River natural coho, Oregon Natural Coho and Canadian Interior Fraser (Thompson).
- For Chinook, the tule hatchery stocks should provide some harvest opportunity in the ocean fisheries. We continue to live up to the commitment that we made in 1988 to the Columbia River Tribes to not increase our impacts on Columbia River chinook stocks of concern. However, additional listed chinook stocks will require continued attention to shape fisheries that meet the ESA requirements for these stocks.
- The tribes continue to have concerns about our ability to appropriately analyze and manage selective fisheries. We believe a rigorous monitoring, sampling and enforcement plan needs to be in place for all mark selective fisheries. The Tribes also encourage the state to continue communication on this issue with the all tribes.
- The Coastal tribes also request that a comprehensive multi-year assessment be conducted of the mark selective coho fishery that has been occurring in the ocean since 2000.
- The Washington tribes, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, are beginning the process of establishing a package of fisheries that will ensure acceptable levels of harvest of natural stocks of concern. In addition, we have joint Tribal/State agreement on specific 2008 management objectives for Puget Sound and Washington coastal chinook and coho salmon.

I offer the following range of preliminary options for the ocean Treaty troll fishery for compilation and analysis by the Salmon Technical Team with the understanding that this is only the first step towards finalizing options this week that will be adopted by the Council to be sent out for public review.

Treaty Troll Options

	<u>Coho</u>	<u>Chinook</u>
Option I	80,000	45,000
Option II	70,000	35,000
Option III	60,000	25,000

For Chinook, Option I: to be modeled with 22,500 taken in the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and 22,500 would be taken in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

Option II: 17,500 taken in the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and 17,500 in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

Option III: 12,500 taken in the May/June Chinook-directed fishery and 12,500 in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.