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Subject: Re: Response from Senator Murray
To: Senator@murray.senate.gov
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Dear Senator Murray,

As emphasized in my previous note my position is as follows:

I am willing to accept the fact that we may need to shut down salmon fishing in Puget Sound for the 2016 season in order to protect this resource for future years but if this is necessary, out of fairness to all, closure must apply to everyone including commercial and recreational Native Americans as well non-Native Americans.

If the 1974 Boldt Decision allows for a 50/50 split in harvestable salmon between Native and non-Native Americans and fishing is closed then neither group should be allowed to fish. I was extremely upset to hear that despite the May 1st closure tribal members were being allowed to fish on the Skagit River a couple weeks ago. This inequality is exactly what concerns me about the present situation with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the treaty Indian fishing tribes in Puget Sound attempting to apply for separate permits to fish. I'm concerned that tribal members will be allowed to fish while non-tribal fishermen will be shut out. If the federal government determines that best available science demonstrates that fishing in Puget Sound can take place without placing serious strain on future stocks than seasons need to be set allowing for a 50/50 fair and equitable split between tribal and non-tribal fishermen- no exceptions!

In talking about this matter with many friends and neighbors I can tell you that I share this opinion many individuals.

I appreciate your response to my initial note and would hope that you are able to ensure that any Puget Sound salmon fishing season we might have is fair and equitable for all.

Sincerely,
Vince Martinis