

**TESTIMONY OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY TRIBES  
BEFORE PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
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Portland, OR**

Good day Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. My name is Herb Jackson. I am the vice chair of Fish and Wildlife Committee of the Nez Perce Tribe. I am here with Wilbur Slockish Jr, Bruce Jim, and Chris Williams to provide testimony on behalf of the four Columbia River treaty tribes: the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes.

We have just shown you a presentation of what can be done to benefit natural origin salmon and steelhead when we all work together. Our tribes have specific ideas on how to use hatcheries to help rebuild wild runs instead of simply enhancing sport fisheries. Besides Snake River fall chinook, all four tribes are involved in different efforts to restore fish in the basin.

With more cooperation, we can make real improvements on wild fish restoration.

This concludes our statement. Thank You.