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May 21, 2014

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Re: Makah Treaty Groundfish Fisheries in 2015-2016

Dear Mr. Stelle:

We have been asked to write to you on behalf of the Makah Indian Tribe. Pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 660.324(d), we wrote to you on November 4, 2013, to describe the Tribe's intended groundfish fisheries in 2015 and 2016 and its requests for treaty groundfish regulations and allocations to accommodate those fisheries.

In our November 4, 2013, letter, we noted that the Tribe intended to request increases in the tribal set asides for yellowtail rockfish, widow rockfish and Pacific cod in 2015 and 2016. However, we explained that, because of then-current market constraints, the Tribe had not yet determined the amount of the increases it would request. We stated that Tribal representatives would confer with your staff to determine those amounts before the June 2014 Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting. Tribal representatives have since conferred with your staff regarding increases in tribal set asides for these and one other species (English sole).

In accordance with the procedures adopted by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and National Marine Fisheries Service for revisions to tribal requests for groundfish regulations and allocations (which allow for requested revisions to be submitted before the June Council meeting), the Tribe now requests the following increases in tribal set asides for 2015 and 2016:

English sole, currently 91, mt increase to 200 mt;

Pacific cod, currently 400, mt increase to 500 mt;

widow rockfish, currently 60, mt increase to 100 mt; and

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yellowtail rockfish, currently 677, mt increase to 1000 mt.

In addition, the Tribe is anticipating an impact of 275 mt for spiny dogfish.

In all other respects, the Tribe's requests for treaty groundfish regulations and allocations for 2015 and 2016 remain as described in our November 4, 2013, letter.

Makah representatives will be available to discuss any questions you or your staff may have regarding these matters at the upcoming Council meeting.

Sincerely,

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