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Closing Tribal Mark-Selective Fishery Statement

There have been questions about the tribal position regarding the ocean mark-selective fishing proposal. From the tribal perspective, it's about dead fish; dead wild fish. Fish that are not brought to the dock to be counted and sampled, but released back in to the water and die. The tribes are simply requesting that a monitoring program be implemented that will provide a reliable estimate of these mortalities. The full resource impact of mark-selective fisheries, like any other fishery, needs to be accounted for. If we are to achieve our recovery goals and spawning escapement objectives, then we must be control total mortality levels to sustainable levels and this requires a full accounting of all sources of mortality upon our salmon stocks.