

April, 2014 - PFMC, Vancouver, WA

Quinault Indian Nation statement regarding treaty sardine set-asides.

Regarding the Interim Management Period (Jan.1- Jun. 30, 2014):

The Quinault Nation will schedule a call with NMFS, Long Beach during the week of Monday April 21, 2014 to discuss our Tribe's needs and potential roll-back to the non-treaty fleet of any part of the 1,000 metric tons of Pacific sardines set-aside for this interim management period.

Regarding the new sardine management period: (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015):

The Quinault Indian Nation has requested 4,000 metric tonnes of sardines for the new annual period beginning July 1, 2014. We have conferred with NMFS, Long Beach and will work with their staff as the season progresses to assure that the needs of our fishers are met and that the set-aside is fully utilized in the fishery. We have spoken with Mark Helvey and have agreed to schedule calls with his NMFS team on or near September 15, 2014 and again May 1, 2015 or earlier if NMFS requests, to discuss the progress of the Quinault sardine fishery and potential roll-backs of sardines to the non-treaty fleet.

Quinault wishes to thank the NMFS West Coast Region and the Long Beach staff in facilitating our treaty right to harvest Pacific sardines in our treaty ocean area.