

Agendum H.1.f
Supplemental Comments of Hoopa Valley Tribe
April 2010

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COMMENTS ON
H.1 Tentative Adoption of 2010 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

The Hoopa Valley Tribal Council (HVTC) retains sole management authority governing the HVT fishery prosecuted by Tribal members on the Hoopa Valley Reservation. Under its authority the HVTC allows for utilization of Klamath River Fall Chinook to meet the purposes of subsistence, ceremony, and commerce.

Option I as presently modeled results in the greatest opportunity for tribal fisheries in Klamath River with a TAC of 35,399. Whereas this fact alone motivates the HVT to support Option I, we would prefer that the recreational opportunities presently associated with this option be reduced in May particularly in the Fort Bragg Cell, where past data suggest a high probability for impacts to Klamath-Trinity River spring Chinook. Presently, harvest of Klamath-Trinity River spring Chinook is indiscriminate and occurs in conjunction with fall Chinook marine fisheries occurring prior to May.

The HVT acknowledges the efforts of the PFMC to greatly restrict “credit card” fisheries for the post August 31 birth date for KRFC. Presently, the PFMC has no methodology for forecasting impacts of these fall fisheries. Moreover, during periods of stock depression, allowing fall fisheries may compromise management flexibility in planning spring/summer fisheries the following year.