

**THE 2010 OCEAN TREATY TROLL FISHERY**  
**April 15, 2010**

As I indicated in my previous statements, the tribes have been working on a package of fisheries that meets resource constraints of this year's forecasted abundances and fairly distributes the burden of conservation.

- ❖ The fisheries that the tribes have proposed are consistent with this year's resource conditions and take into account the need for each tribe to have some fishing opportunity in their area.
- ❖ The Treaty troll quotas represent a balance of the Treaty rights of the Coastal Tribes, as well as the four Columbia River Tribes and the Puget Sound Tribes given the conservation constraints of the many salmon stocks of concern in 2010.
- ❖ The proposed quotas for the ocean Treaty Indian troll fishery meets the ESA considerations for Columbia Lower River natural tules, Snake River Chinook, Lower Columbia River natural coho, concerns for low abundance of North Coast and Puget Sound Chinook. The proposed quotas also meet the commitments made under the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
- ❖ The Tribes and WDFW have reached tentative agreement on a sampling and monitoring plan for the ocean Chinook mark selective fishery that they feel will be adequate for the 2010 season. This will include increasing the genetic sampling of the recreational fishery to improve our understanding of coastal Chinook contribution the north coast area.
- ❖ The Tribe want to caution WDFW to move slowly on ocean Chinook mark selective fisheries to make sure the impacts of that fishery is at sustainable levels on all stocks of concern. This is the same caution that has been provided to this Council from our technical committees to avoid exceeding the capabilities of the coho and Chinook models. To this end, I believe a provisional low intensity threshold has been established by the Council. Are we going to receive a presentation on where this year's proposed slate of mark-selective fisheries stand relative to this threshold or does this assessment occur later in the federal process?
- ❖ The ocean Treaty troll fishery presents an opportunity to exercise our Treaty rights in the ocean this year. One must remember; the Treaty tribes must exercise their Treaty rights in their established Usual & Accustomed (U&A) fishing areas, so the Treaty troll tribes cannot simply move their fisheries to alternative locations in order to reduce impacts.