October 11, 2013

Ms. Maria Lopez, Chair
Hoh Tribe
PO Box 2196
Forks, WA 98331

Subject: Proposal to Remove Restrictions on the Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal Seat

Dear Ms. Lopez:

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has been discussing proposed changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA)—the primary Federal act governing fisheries management in the United States. As you know, the Pacific Council includes one tribal seat representing West Coast federally-recognized tribes with treaty fishing rights.

In September, the Pacific Council took preliminary positions on a variety of issues related to MSA reauthorization (see http://tinyurl.com/Sept2013-PFMC-Decisions). The Pacific Council also received a request from the Makah Tribe to recommend that any reauthorization of the MSA remove the three-term limit on the tribal seat on the Pacific Council, and the requirement that tribes submit three nominee names for the position. The Makah Tribal representative felt that the three-name requirement was not necessary, and noted that the limits on the tribal seat should be the same as the limits on State government seats on the Pacific Council.

The Council believes that all affected tribes should have an opportunity to comment on this matter. Therefore, we are asking for your input. A decision on this matter is scheduled for the November 1-6, 2013 Pacific Council meeting in Costa Mesa, California. Please feel welcome to testify at this meeting. Alternatively, please send any comments to the Pacific Council at the address above, or email pfmc.comments@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

D. O. McIsaac, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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c: Council Members
List of tribes who received a similar letter (attached)
West Coast Treaty Tribes with Fishing Rights

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Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
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Sequim, WA 98382
Chairperson: Ron Allen
Fisheries Contact: Scott Chitwood

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
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Port Angeles, WA 98363
Chairperson: Frances Charles
Fisheries Contact: Doug Morrill

Lummi Nation
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Bellingham, WA 98226
Chairperson: Clifford Cultee
Fisheries Contact: Elden Hillaire

Makah Nation
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Chairperson: T.J. Greene
Fisheries Contact: Russ Svec

Muckleshoot Tribe
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Chairperson: Virginia Cross
Fisheries Contact: Isabel Tinoco

Nisqually Indian Tribe
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Commissioner: Georgiana Kautz

Nooksack Tribe
Mr. Bob Kelly
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Port Gamble S’klallam Tribe
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Puyallup Tribe of Indians
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Natural Resources Director: Bill Sullivan
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Quileute Indian Tribe
Quileute Indian Tribe
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La Push, WA 98350

Fisheries:
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LaPush, WA 98350
Chairperson: Tony Foster
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**Quinault Indian Nation**
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Commissioner: Andy Whitener

**Squaxin Island Tribe**
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**Suquamish Tribe**
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Chairperson: Leonard Forsman
Fisheries Manager: Rob Purser

**Swinomish Tribe**
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**Tulalip Tribes**
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