



## Pacific Fishery Management Council

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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](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Isaac".

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

NWIFC Tribes

Hoh Tribe  
PO Box 2196  
Forks, WA 98331  
Chairperson: Maria Lopez  
Fisheries Contact: Joe Gilbertson

[Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe](#)

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
1033 Old Blyn Hwy  
Sequim, WA 98382  
Chairperson: Ron Allen  
Fisheries Contact: Scott Chitwood

[Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe](#)

2851 Lower Elwha Road  
Port Angeles, WA 98363  
Chairperson: Frances Charles  
Fisheries Contact: Doug Morrill

[Lummi Nation](#)

2616 Kwina Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
Chairperson: Clifford Cultee  
Fisheries Contact: Elden Hillaire

[Makah Nation](#)

PO Box 115  
Neah Bay, WA  
Chairperson: T.J. Greene  
Fisheries Contact: Russ Svec

[Muckleshoot Tribe](#)

39015 172nd Avenue SE  
Auburn, WA 98092  
Chairperson: Virginia Cross  
Fisheries Contact: Isabel Tinoco

[Nisqually Indian Tribe](#)

Ms. Cynthia Iyall  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
4820 She-Nah-Num Drive SE  
Olympia, WA 98513  
Chairperson:  
Natural Resources Manager/NWIFC  
Commissioner: Georgiana Kautz

[Nooksack Tribe](#)

Mr. Bob Kelly  
Nooksack Tribe  
PO Box 157  
Deming, WA 98244  
Chairperson:  
Fisheries Contact: Gary MacWilliams

[Port Gamble S'Klallam](#)

Jeromy Sullivan  
Port Gamble S'klallam Tribe  
31912 Little Boston Road NE  
Kingston, WA 98346  
(360) 297-2646  
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Chairperson:  
Natural Resources Director/Finfish  
Manager: Paul McCollum

[Puyallup Tribe of Indians](#)

Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
3009 East Portland Avenue  
Tacoma, WA 98404

Tribal Chair: Herman Dillon, Sr.  
Natural Resources Director: Bill Sullivan  
Fisheries Director: Joe Anderson

[Quileute Indian Tribe](#)

Quileute Indian Tribe  
PO Box 279  
La Push, WA 98350

Fisheries:  
P.O. Box 187  
LaPush, WA 98350

Chairperson: Tony Foster  
Fisheries Contact: Melvin Moon

**Quinault Indian Nation**  
Quinault Indian Nation  
P.O. Box 189  
Taholah, WA 98587  
Fisheries Policy Spokesperson/NWIFC  
Commissioner: Ed Johnstone  
Natural Resources Director: Dave Bingaman

**Sauk-Suiattle Tribe**  
Sauk-Suiattle Tribe  
5318 Chief Brown Lane  
Darrington, WA 98241

Chairperson: Janice Mabee  
Fisheries Contact: Robert Franklin, Fishery  
Manager  
Natural Resources Director: Chris Danilson

**Skokomish Tribe**  
Skokomish Tribe  
North 80 Tribal Center Rd.  
Shelton, WA 98584  
Tribal Chair: Charles "Guy" Miller

**Squaxin Island Tribe**  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
SE 70 Squaxin Lane  
Shelton, WA 98584

Tribal Chair: David Lopeman  
Natural Resources Director/NWIFC  
Commissioner: Andy Whitener

**Stillaguamish Tribe**  
PO Box 277  
Arlington, WA 98223

Chairperson: Shawn Yanity  
Fisheries Contact: Shawn Yanity; Assistant  
Fisheries Manager Jeff Tatro

**Suquamish Tribe**  
PO Box 498  
18490 Suquamish Way  
Suquamish, WA 98392

Chairperson: Leonard Forsman  
Fisheries Manager: Rob Purser

**Swinomish Tribe**  
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community  
11404 Moorage Way  
LaConner, WA 98257  
Chairperson: Brian Cladoosby  
Fisheries Contact: Lorraine Loomis

**Tulalip Tribes**  
Tulalip Tribes  
6406 Marine Drive  
Tulalip, WA 98271  
Tribal Chair: Melvin R. Sheldon Jr.  
Director of Fish and Wildlife: Ray Fryberg  
Sr.  
Commissioner of Fisheries & Natural  
Resources: Terry Williams

**Upper Skagit Tribe**  
Upper Skagit Tribe  
25944 Community Plaza Way  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284  
Chairperson: Jennifer Washington  
Natural Resources Director: Scott Schuyler

CRITFC Tribes

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
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Warm Springs, OR 97761

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian  
Reservation  
Nixyáawii Governance Center  
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Pendleton, Oregon 97801

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P.O. Box 305  
Lapwai, ID 83540  
Silas C. Whitman - Chairman

Yakama Nation  
Harry Smiskin, Chairman  
401 Fort Road  
PO BOX 151  
Toppenish, WA 98948

California Tribes

Yurok Tribe  
Thomas P. O'Rourke Sr., Chairman  
190 Klamath Blvd.  
Klamath, CA 95548

Hoop Valley Tribe  
*Danielle Vigil-Masten, Tribal Chairwoman*  
*PO Box 1348*  
*Hoop, CA 95546*  
*(530) 625-4211*