Tribal Motion for the 2008 Treaty Ocean Troll Salmon Season to the Pacific Fishery Management Council March 14, 2008

For the 2008 Treaty Ocean Troll Salmon Season, I move for the establishment of three options for public review.

Option I - quota levels of 40,000 chinook, and 25,000 coho

Option II - quota levels of 35,000 chinook, and 20,000 coho

Option III - quota levels of 20,000 chinook, and 15,000 coho

The salmon season will consist of a May/June chinook directed fishery and a July/August/September all-species fishery. The chinook harvest will be split between the two periods with the following sub-quotes: Option I: 22,500; Option II: 17,500; Option III: 10,000 for the May/June Chinook directed fishery and the remainder in each option for the July/August/September all species fishery.

The basic regulation package is to remain the same as contained in the 2007 Ocean Salmon Management Measures, which includes minimum size limits and gear restrictions.

I would also like to state for the record, that the tribes and state are just beginning the North of Falcon planning process in which we will evaluate the total impacts of all proposed fisheries on Puget Sound and Columbia River stocks. At the conclusion of these discussions in April, the tribes will be requesting the Council to adopt a treaty ocean troll quota that best meets the management objectives for these stocks, while also meeting the cultural and economic needs of the tribes.