

**Tribal Proposal Regarding
2001 Groundfish Harvests
Sept. 13, 2000**

Mr. Chairman:

The tribes are proposing essentially status quo harvest limits for 2001 tribal fisheries.

The Council should adopt the following options for 2001 tribal fisheries:

Black Rockfish - The 2001 tribal harvest guidelines will be set at 20,000 pounds for the management area between the US/Canada border and Cape Alava, and 10,000 pounds for the management area located between Destruction Island and Leadbetter Point. As with the non-treaty regulations, no tribal harvest restrictions are proposed for the management area between Cape Alava and Destruction Island.

Sablefish - The 2001 tribal set aside for sablefish will be set at 10 percent of the Monterey through Vancouver area OY.

Thornyhead rockfish - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for all fisheries. This trip limit will be for short and longspine thornyheads combined.

Lingcod - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for all fisheries.

Canary rockfish - Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit for all fisheries.

Other rockfish species - The 2001 tribal longline and trawl harvest restrictions regarding the landing of other rockfish species will operate under trip and cumulative limits. For other rockfish, tribal fisheries will operate under the same trip limits as the limited entry fishery, provided that any time restrictions imposed on the non-treaty limited entry fisheries might not be imposed on Treaty fisheries. Because of the relatively small expected catches of the Treaty fisheries, the trip limits established at the beginning of the year will not be adjusted downward, nor will time restrictions be imposed, unless the harvest guidelines are achieved or unless in-season catch statistics demonstrate that the tribes have taken ½ of the harvest in the tribal area.