

## PROGRESS REPORT ON REVIEW OF QUEETS WILD COHO STATUS

**Situation:** At its June 2000 meeting, the Council recognized that the low spawner escapements of Queets wild coho over the previous three years would trigger an overfishing review under Amendment 14 to the salmon fishery management plan (FMP) approved by NMFS on September 27, 2000. To address this requirement in the recently implemented FMP amendment, the Council passed a motion requesting the Quinault Indian Nation and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to begin assembling data to assist the Salmon Technical Team (STT) in completing an overfishing review for the Queets wild coho stock by September 1, 2001. Council staff conveyed the request to the Quinault Indian Nation and WDFW via a letter on August 3, 2000 (Attachment 1). The FMP requirements for the overfishing assessment are extracted in Attachment 2.

### **Council Discussion:**

1. Review the plans and progress of WDFW and the Quinault Indian Nation toward providing data and analyses for the overfishing review of Queets wild coho.
2. Discuss and clarify the process and schedule necessary to allow the STT to complete the overfishing review by September 1, 2001.
3. Provide guidance to the Habitat Steering Group for working with federal, state, tribal, and local managers to develop any appropriate recommendations with regard to essential fish habitat to aid the recovery of Queets wild coho.

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Council letter to WDFW and the Quinault Indian Nation (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 1).
2. Excerpt from the salmon FMP (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 2).

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