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Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224  
Portland, OR 97201

Re: Queets Coho Overfishing Report

Dear Dr. McIsaac:

The Quinault Indian Nation is currently gathering existing data to provide to the Salmon Technical Team in response to your August 3 request that the Nation provide the Council with assistance in connection with the preparation of an "overfishing report" on Queets River coho salmon. Please provide us with any specific information needed for the STT's assessment as quickly as possible and we will do our best to respond to the extent of our capability allows.

Unfortunately, the demands of inseason salmon management and preparation for the upcoming steelhead season will limit the amount of time available to devote to this matter until after the first of the year. Consequently, it will likely not be possible to prepare any new analyses of the status of Queets coho until late Winter. However, this should permit the incorporation of spawning escapement estimates for the 2000 season in the stock assessment. If this proves to be a problem for the Council, please let me know so that we can address the issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Johnstone".

Ed Johnstone  
Fishery Policy Representative