

JOINT TESTIMONY BY THE QUINAULT, HOH, QUILEUTE TRIBES
ON THE TENTATIVE MODELING OF 2001 MANAGEMENT
MEASURES BY THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
March 6, 2001

Mr. Chairman and Council, the Quinault, Hoh, and Quileute Tribes wish to make a brief statement regarding the tentative modeling of the ocean treaty troll fishery options.

- Again this year, it is the desire of the Quinault, Hoh, and Quileute Tribes to continue to meet the escapement floors or goals for runs originating in the area from Grays Harbor to Quillayute River. This continues to be an important objective for management of ocean fisheries off the coast of Washington.
- Our desire is to provide additional benefits to the tribal terminal area fisheries where the stocks originate, while accommodating additional opportunities in the pre-terminal tribal fisheries.
- We want to continue to emphasize that any selective fishery proposals advanced by the Council must be consistent with the U.S. District Court's stipulation and order regarding mass marking and selective fisheries.
- We intend to live up to the commitment that we made in 1988 to not increase our impacts on Columbia River chinook stocks of concern.
- We still remain early in the process of establishing, cooperatively, with other Tribes and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, potential ocean fisheries that will ensure acceptable levels of escapements for natural stocks of concerns as well as for our important hatchery stocks.
- For the ocean treaty troll fishery, we offer the following treaty troll management measures for tentative modeling and analysis by the Salmon Technical Team:
 - Option 1 - 90,000 coho July-September all species fishery
37,000 chinook (50% May/June, 50% all species)
 - Option 2 - 90,000 coho July-September all species fishery
35,000 chinook (50% May/June, 50% all species)
 - Option 3 - 70,000 coho July-September all species fishery
35,000 chinook (50% May/June, 50% all species).

The Option 1 and 2 coho proposal is consistent with the highest previously adopted PFMC treaty troll regulation. In fashioning our proposal for treaty troll chinook harvest levels we have focused on our commitments to the Columbia River stocks of concern. The treaty troll chinook harvest levels proposed may require further adjustment to insure that impacts on Puget Sound chinook stocks are acceptable.