

**STATEMENT BY JIM HARP TO THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
REGARDING THE 2001 OCEAN TREATY TROLL FISHERY
Thursday, April 5, 2001**

Mr. Chairman,

As I indicated in my statements earlier this week, the treaty tribes have been working with WDFW on a package of fishery regulations that meets this year's conservation requirements and also fairly distributes the opportunity for harvest on the more abundant stocks.

- The fisheries that the tribes have proposed are consistent with the improved abundance we expect for many Chinook and coho stocks while remaining consistent with the conservation needs for listed Chinook and coho stocks, such as OCN and Puget Sound Chinook. The proposed fisheries also take into account the need for the tribes to share the fishing opportunity in their respective areas.
- At the appropriate time, I will offer a motion for treaty troll quotas of 90,000 coho and 37,000 chinook.
- I believe the proposed quotas for the ocean treaty Indian troll fishery are consistent with the ESA requirements for Snake River chinook, OCN coho, and Puget Sound Chinook.
- The quota meets the commitment by the ocean tribes to the Columbia River Tribes in 1988 to not increase impacts on stocks of concern.
- The proposed quotas also meet the commitments made under the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
- This proposal for the treaty troll fishery is part of an evolving, but nearly complete, comprehensive package that includes in-river and Puget Sound fisheries.