

**Statement of Jim Harp Concerning
2002 Tribal Groundfish Management Measures**

Mr. Chairman:

At the September Council meeting we preliminarily adopted for public review a set of management measures for the 2002 Tribal groundfish fisheries. This included some additional measures proposed by the Makah Tribe.

There still remain some outstanding issues among the coastal tribes concerning the groundfish measures for 2002 and discussions are ongoing this week to try and resolve those.

While these are always difficult issues in light of the conservation concerns being faced by all of us in the Council process, I am optimistic that we will be able to resolve the outstanding issues we have among the tribes and be able to bring a consensus tribal proposal forward by the end of the week for final Council action.