

**Comments of Jim Harp on Proposed Changes to the Halibut
Catch Sharing Plan**

Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer a brief comment on the proposed changes to the catch sharing plan for Pacific halibut.

The tribes propose no changes be made to the catch sharing plan as it relates to the Treaty Indian allocation of halibut for 2002. That allocation would remain at 35% of the Area 2A TAC, plus the 25,000 lb. adjustment be transferred from the nonTreaty Area 2A halibut allocation, as specified in the Stipulation and Order of the U.S. District Court, Subproceeding No. 92-1.

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