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Subject: Review of Coho FRAM Model

Dear Dr. Lawson, Mr. Tracy and Members of the Team:

In your work on the Coho FRAM Model this week, October 23 and 24, we ask that you review the contribution rate for OCN's in the Washington, Area 3 troll fishery. The rate used in 2001 for August was 599 that is way above all other contribution rates in the Washington areas. We believe this to be an artifact of landings in Area 3 caught in Oregon during the 1979-81 base period.

The attached figure shows the established OCN contribution rates for each Washington catch area for both troll and sport. The August troll contribution for Area 3 is clearly an "outlier" and makes no sense. Looking at the attached table of contribution rates for the troll fishery these kinds of contribution rates are not seen elsewhere in the Washington coast and it is necessary to go to the Tillamook area and south along the Oregon Coast before these rates are seen and exceeded.

During the base period, there was a significant fleet of trollers, trip boats, that fished out of La Push, Area 3. These boats ranged widely but usually delivered back to La Push. Most of the boats had arrangements with their local buyers that resulted in bonuses at the end of the season. Based on the high OCN contribution rates for Area 3, it appears that a significant number of boats were operating off Oregon but delivering back to La Push. The only way to know for sure would be to review landing tickets. But even then there may not be resolution as buyers generally just mark the area fished as the local area and did not ask the fisherman where the fish were caught.

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Salmon for Consumers**

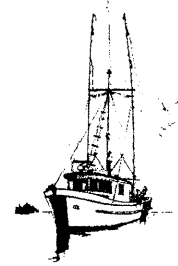
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The WTA respectfully requests that the contribution rate for OCN's in the troll fishery for Area 3 be revised downward to about 250/10,000, the approximate rate in Areas 1 and 2. There is a precedent for this. The team threw out the tag data for fall Chinook in Area 3 for the Straits of Juan de Fuca Chinook at the April 2001 Council meeting in Sacramento.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**CONTRIBUTION OF 2001 CRITICAL COHO STOCKS
TO WASHINGTON AND OREGON FISHERIES**

2/21/01

STOCK CONTRIBUTION PER 10,000 TOTAL CATCH

Area:											
Troll Fisheries	Skagit	Stilly /Sno	Hood Canal	Straits	Quil Falls	Hoh	Queets	Grays Harbor	Ore CSTL	Col Early	Col Late
Cape Flattery											
July	368	1306	739	343	290	64	161	530	153	1912	2198
August	412	1754	707	329	231	51	180	656	91	1698	1347
Quillayute											
July	273	1096	469	247	382	84	214	338	169	2368	2604
August	252	1042	542	238	319	71	166	445	599	2409	2473
Grays Harbor											
July	194	736	362	192	225	50	128	417	135	2766	3260
August	137	583	302	151	167	37	153	538	254	4286	2756
Columbia River											
July	58	214	107	42	106	23	42	296	212	3517	4677
August	20	53	45	38	133	30	28	77	250	6439	2773
Tillamook											
July	43	114	104	16	192	42	52	163	812	5145	2526
August	21	82	53	8	8	2	47	132	606	6616	1949
Newport											
July	13	52	23	12	90	20	25	111	861	7352	1006
August	6	7	16	5	20	5	15	103	1276	7233	765
Coos Bay											
July	5	10	16	8	10	2	12	90	1291	7184	1007
August	2	2	2	3	28	6	5	23	2413	7025	283
Percent Natural	90%	72%	16%	60%	60%	100%	55%	43%	28%	N/A	N/A

