

**YUROK TRIBE***4 PM Public Comment  
Supplemental Yurok Letter**March 2002* Eureka

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Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224  
Portland, OR 97201

Re: Salmon Advisory Sub-Panel (SAS) Representation

Dear Dr. McIsaac:

On behalf of the Yurok Tribe, I would like to convey to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) the importance of retaining the Yurok Tribal representation on the Salmon Advisory Sub-Panel. As I informed Mr. LB Boydston in a January 23, 2002 letter regarding this issue, given the importance and magnitude of the Yurok Tribe's fishery, I feel strongly that the Yurok Tribe should be represented on the SAS at all meetings, and not limited to a rotation that would equate to our participation at 50% of the SAS meetings.

Of all user groups along the Pacific Coast, the Yurok Tribe is the largest harvester of Klamath Basin Fall Chinook, which is often a stock that drives the establishment of ocean fishing seasons set by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Preseason, the Yurok Tribe targets 80% of the Tribal allocation, which equates to 40% of the overall harvest of Klamath Fall Chinook, substantially more than any other use group.

The Yurok Tribe is aware of no other group that harvests such a large portion of a key salmon stock managed by the PFMC that has been requested to limit their participation on the SAS to part time. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact me at the Eureka Tribal Office.

Sincerely,



Susan Masten, Chairperson  
Yurok Tribal Council

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Cc: Jim Harp, PFMC Tribal Representative  
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