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Agenda C.3.h
Revised Proposed Treaty Indian Management Measures
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Revised Quileute Tribal Proposal Regarding 2003 Groundfish Harvests

Black Rockfish- The 2003 tribal harvest guidelines will be set at 20,000 pounds for the Management area between the US/Canada border and Cape Alava, and 10,000 pounds for the management area located between Destruction Island and Leadbetter Point. No tribal harvest restrictions are proposed for the management area between Cape Alava and Destruction Island.

Sablefish- The 2003 tribal set aside for sablefish will be set at 10 percent of the Monterey through Vancouver area OY minus 3 percent to account for expected discard mortality. This would be equivalent to 630 mt based on the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation. Allocations among the tribes and among gear types, if any, will be determined by the tribes.

Lingcod- Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 300 lbs. per day and 900 lbs. per week limits for all fisheries.

Rockfish Taken During Competitive Halibut Fisheries- To provide for full retention and utilization during directed, fully competitive treaty longline fisheries for halibut, there will be no trip limit on the retention of incidental harvests of rockfish. However, appropriate management actions will be taken in season, if necessary, to restrict incidental harvests of rockfish, so that tribal fisheries do not exceed the estimated tribal impacts levels.

For all other tribal groundfish longline fisheries the following trip limits will apply:

Thornyhead rockfish- Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit. This trip limit will be short and longspine thornyheads combined.

Canary rockfish- Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 pound per trip limit.

Other Minor Nearshore, Shelf and Slope Rockfish- Tribal fisheries will be restricted to a 300 lbs. per trip limit for each species group, or the limited entry trip limits if they are less restrictive than the 300 lbs. per trip limit.

Yelloweye Rockfish- The tribes will continue to work on developing depth, area, and time restrictions in their directed halibut fishery to minimize impacts on yelloweye rockfish. Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 100 lb per trip limit except that full retention of incidental catch will allowed during the competitive portion of the treaty halibut fishery.

These proposed management measures would be expected to result in catches as referenced in Table 4.3.5-1 in exhibit C.3 Attachment 1 (the annual specifications EIS/RIR). It should be noted that the catch levels in this table represent the upper end of the range of expected catches for these fisheries.

In light of the conservation issue regarding several rockfish species, the Quileute Tribe would like to advise all other tribes to utilize more species selective gear.