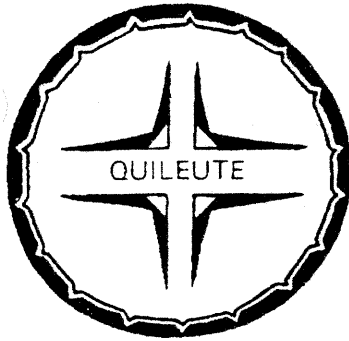


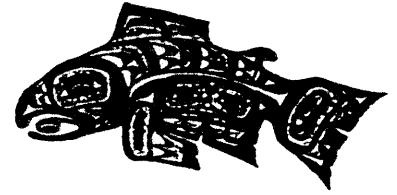
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Dear Peter,

For the 2002 salmon fishing season the National Marine Fisheries Service modified regulations related to the Quileute Tribe's Ceremonial and Subsistence (C&S) fishery through an in-season action at the Tribe's request. The action extended the C&S fishery through October 15, 2002 and modified the possession and landing limits, and size restrictions (67 FR 65728).

National Marine Fisheries Service may anticipate any changes that the Quileute Tribe has for the 2003 season. The Tribe will clarify whatever changes intended, at the March meeting of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. We anticipate the same regulations as last season. The Tribe's proposed regulations will be considered and accounted for during the preseason planning process, thereby avoiding any confusion by NMFS associated with changing regulations. We appreciate the fact that NMFS authorizes many in-season changes with regularity and we thank you for bringing this issue to our (and the carbon copied parties) attention.

If you have questions please call me at (360) 374-5695.

Sincerely,

Mel Moon

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