

**Statement of Jim Harp  
on the Preliminary Definition of 2003 Management Options  
to the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a brief statement regarding the status of the salmon resource in 2003 and the tribes' current thinking about a range of options for the ocean treaty troll fishery.

- The forecasts for coho on the Washington coast and Puget Sound for both wild and hatchery stocks are relatively healthy. We believe that these forecasts will allow for some moderate harvest this year even while taking into consideration the needs of the OCN stock.
- For chinook, the tule hatchery stocks should provide some harvest opportunity in the ocean fisheries this year. We continue to live up to the commitment that we made in 1988 to not increase our impacts on Columbia River chinook stocks of concern. Additional listed chinook stocks will require continued attention to work out fisheries that meet the ESA requirements for these stocks.
- The tribes still have concerns about the Council's ability to appropriately analyze and manage selective fisheries, but we appreciate the reports that WDFW and ODFW have been providing on the monitoring and sampling of their selective fisheries. We encourage the states to continue rigorous monitoring and sampling of these fisheries and continue to resolve outstanding issues with the tribes.
- We are beginning the process of establishing, cooperatively with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, a package of fisheries that will ensure acceptable levels of escapement for natural stocks of concern. We have joint Tribal/State agreement on specific 2003 management objectives.

I offer the following range of preliminary options for the ocean Treaty troll fishery for compilation and analysis by the Salmon Technical Team with the understanding that this is only the first step towards finalizing options this week that will be adopted by the Council to be sent out for public review. The basic regulation package is to remain the same as contained in the 2002 Ocean Salmon Management Measures, except that the dates and catch limits for the Quileute Tribe's C & S fishery should be modified. The date will be July 1 – October 15 or until the PFMC quota for chinook and coho is reached. The catch limit will be 20 fish/day for chinook and coho, all other species on incidental basis.

### Treaty Troll Options

	<u>Coho</u>	<u>Chinook</u>
Option I	90,000	60,000
Option II	75,000	40,000
Option III	60,000	30,000

For chinook, 50% would be taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 50% would be taken in the July/August/September all-species fishery.

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