

## **Preliminary Tribal Proposal Regarding 2004 Groundfish Management Measures**

**Black Rockfish** - The 2004 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 2004 tribal set aside for sablefish will be set at 10 percent of the Monterey through Vancouver area OY minus 3% to account for expected discard mortality. Allocations among tribes and among gear types, if any, will be determined by the tribes.

**Lingcod** - The tribes propose an overall harvest guideline of 25 mt for all tribal fisheries. Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 450 pound per day and 1350 pound per week limits for all fisheries, which may be adjusted inseason to stay within the overall harvest guideline.

### **For all other tribal groundfish 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 for 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 pound per trip limit for each species group, or the limited entry trip limits if they are less restrictive than the 300 pound per trip limit.

**Yelloweye Rockfish** - The tribes will continue developing depth, area, and time restrictions in their directed Pacific halibut fishery to minimize impacts on yelloweye rockfish. Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 100 pounds per trip.

### **For Makah Trawl fisheries the following trip limits will apply:**

**Pacific Whiting** - For the 2004 Pacific whiting fishery, the tribal set aside will be as provided in the Makah tribe's proposed allocation framework.

**Mid-water Trawl Fishery**- Treaty mid-water trawl fishermen will be restricted to a cumulative limit of yellowtail rockfish, based on the number of vessels participating, not to exceed 150,000 pounds per two month period for the entire fleet. Their landings of widow rockfish must not exceed 10% of the poundage of yellowtail rockfish landed in any given period. Fishermen will not be permitted to

carry-over portions of the cumulative limit that are not used in any previous two-month period. The tribe may adjust the cumulative limit for any two-month period to minimize the incidental catch of canary and widow rockfish, provided the average cumulative limit does not exceed 150,000 pounds for the fleet.

**Bottom Trawl Fishery** - Treaty fishermen using bottom trawl gear will be subject to the trip limits applicable to the limited entry fishery for Pacific cod, petrale sole, English sole, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and other flatfish. Because of the relatively small expected harvest, the trip limits for the tribal fishery will be those in place at the beginning of the season in the limited entry fishery and will not be adjusted downward, nor will time restrictions or closures be imposed, unless in-season catch statistics demonstrate that the tribes have taken  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the harvest in the tribal area. Fishermen will be restricted to PFMC approved trawl gear.

**Observer Program** – The Makah tribe has an observer program in place to monitor and enforce the limits proposed above.