

**Tribal Proposals Regarding  
Groundfish Fisheries for 2005 and 2006**

**Black Rockfish** - The 2005 and 2006 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 2005 and 2006 tribal set asides 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** - For 2005 and 2006 the tribes propose an overall harvest guideline of between 50 and 100 mt for all tribal fisheries. Tribal fisheries will be restricted to 600 pound per day and 1,800 pound per week limits for all tribal fisheries except for the treaty troll fishery which would be limited to 1,000 pounds per day and 4,000 pounds per week. These limits 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 except during open competition fisheries for Pacific halibut.

**Full Retention**- The tribes will allow full retention of all rockfish species during open competition fisheries for Pacific halibut.

## **Tribal Proposals Regarding Makah Trawl fisheries for 2005 and 2006**

**Pacific Whiting** - For the 2005 and 2006 Pacific whiting fisheries, the tribal set aside will be as provided in the Makah Tribe's proposed allocation framework.

**Midwater Trawl Fishery**- Treaty midwater trawl fishermen will be restricted to a cumulative limit of yellowtail rockfish, based on the number of vessels participating, not to exceed 180,000 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. 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 180,000 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, English sole, rex sole, arrowtooth flounder, and other flatfish. For petrale sole, fishermen would be restricted to 50,000 lbs/2 month period for the entire year. 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 ½ of the harvest in the tribal area. Fishermen will be restricted to PFMC approved trawl gear.

**Pollock Test Fishery** - The Makah Tribe will be examining the catch of pollock as part of their directed midwater whiting fishery in 2004. If successful targeting is achieved in 2004, the tribe would propose expanding to a directed fishery in 2005 concurrent with the setting of whiting harvest levels in March 2005. The tribe will coordinate the possible development of this fishery with NMFS, WDFW, and Canada's DFO.

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