

Mr. Chairman,

For the 2005-2006 management period, the tribes have the following recommendation on preferred harvest levels. Based on the decision by the authors of the latest stock assessment for lingcod to use two separate models to reflect the differences between stocks in the Columbia area north and the Eureka area south, the tribes recommend adopting separate OYs for those respective areas. The tribes believe that it is important to manage stocks based on regional differences where appropriate and that the latest lingcod stock assessment reflects such differences.