

### Talking Points on Terms of Reference for STAR Panels

- I would like to voice my support for the WDFW/NWIFC letter included in the Briefing Book as Agendum C.8.d.
- For a number of years the tribes have urged the Council to move toward a regional management approach.
- Regional management makes sense biologically if there are stock structure, productivity, genetic, or abundance differences for a given species within its range along the West Coast.
- This approach also makes sense for the Council as we face numerous conservation concerns, especially where fisheries may be constrained by coastwide rebuilding plans (e.g. lingcod).
- As the Council is aware, the WA coastal tribes have treaty secured rights to a share of the harvest of fish in their U&As as well as a role in the management of those resources. Because treaty fisheries are restricted to specific usual and accustomed areas, a regional approach to marine resource management makes it easier for the Council and NOAA to meet their obligations toward the tribes and for the tribes to be more effective as co-managers.
- I urge the Council to direct the SSC to include examination of regional stock differences in their Terms of Reference for stock assessments and rebuilding analyses to facilitate a regional management approach.