

**Statement of Jim Harp  
On the Tentative Adoption of 2005 Management Measures  
By the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a brief statement regarding the *tentative* adoption of quotas for the ocean Treaty troll fishery.

- Several coho stocks are generally abundant this year. We are aware of the need to keep the U.S. fisheries to the levels in the Pacific Salmon Treaty coho agreement.
- For chinook, we have a difficult task of meeting the very low exploitation rate objectives defined in our Comprehensive Chinook Harvest Plan for Puget Sound chinook.
- We also have to be aware of the impact from our fishery on Columbia River chinook stocks of concern.
- The western Washington tribes have been in the process of establishing, cooperatively with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, a package of fisheries that will ensure acceptable levels of impact on natural stocks of concern as well as providing opportunity to harvest hatchery stocks. In many cases, agreement has been reached on specific 2005 management measures and terminal area fisheries agreements. Further, the tribes are continuing to work cooperatively with WDFW in hopes of finding successful outcomes for the remaining regions and terminal area fisheries.

For the ocean Treaty troll fishery, I would like to offer the following Treaty troll management measures for *tentative* adoption and for analysis by the Salmon Technical Team:

- a chinook quota of 50,000; and,
- a coho quota of 50,000.

This would consist of a May/June chinook only fishery and a July/August/September all species fishery. The chinook will be split into each fishery (26,000 in May/June and 24,000 in all species). Gear restrictions, size limits and other appropriate regulations would be as stated in previous Salmon Technical Team analysis.