

TRIBAL REPORT ON FINAL CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Makah Tribe met with National Marine Fisheries Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and determined that their anticipated additional catch would not constitute a conservation concern for the stock. The Tribe anticipates no more than 20 mt of additional catch for the months of November and December. This represents an upper bound based on estimated effort from three vessels and accounting for weather concerns. The amount of catch that would approximate an equal treaty/non-treaty sharing is hard to quantify for this species given the diversity of the fleet, seasonal targeting strategies, and ports of landing. The Tribe notes, however, that 19%-20 % of the optimum yield (OY) was landed into Washington in the last two years. Estimated catch for 2005 would be less than 1.5 % of the OY.

For 2006 the Makah Tribe will work with the Groundfish Allocation Committee and Groundfish Management Team to estimate impacts pre-season. The tribes are not seeking a specific set aside or harvest guideline at this time.

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