

TRIBAL COMMENTS ON CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS IN 2005
AND 2006 GROUND FISH FISHERIES

The Makah Tribe has continued their bottom trawl fishery for the last two months of the year. Petrale sole is an important target species in this fishery. To date the fishery has taken as much as 22 mt, and could potentially take an additional 20 mt-30 mt (of the 2762 mt optimum yield). The Makah Tribe proposes no inseason closure of their fishery unless there is a conservation necessity and the treaty catch is estimated to be 50 % of the harvestable surplus in their usual and accustomed fishing areas.

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