

**HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COMMENTS ON
NMFS Klamath River Coho Recovery Plan**

The Hoopa Valley Tribe is appreciative of the special recognition in the Magnuson reauthorization made for Klamath Basin coho. We are encouraged by the urgency placed upon coho recovery and would extend this resolve to encompass all anadromous fish of Klamath Basin.

Coho are an indicator of all anadromous fish species health. Hence coho recovery will be coincident with general improvement of anadromous fish habitat benefiting chinook as well.

In Klamath Basin, coho recovery efforts will require a coordinated effort by governmental agencies, restoration of necessary stream flows, and long term funding strategies.

The alarming incidence of fish diseases in Klamath has been shown in recent years to greatly affect year-class strength for anadromous fish. An immediate focused effort under federal leadership must be initiated to make progress on this critical issue.

California's coho recovery strategy document offers numerous rehabilitation concepts for Klamath Basin. For example, the Trinity Record of Decision for anadromous fish restoration is embraced in the strategy document. A remedy for funding shortfalls in the implementation of the Trinity ROD are the subject of present legislative efforts. Meanwhile, in 2006, California invested \$10 million towards seeding the recovery effort in Klamath Basin.