

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COMMENTS ON  
TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2007 OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR  
ANALYSIS

The Hoopa Valley Tribe expresses a degree of discouragement in the wake of the expired Klamath Fishery Management Council and the 2007 salmon management cycle of PFMC.

We initiated two calls to caucus with co-managers and interested parties in the 2007 salmon management cycle which have received limited response.

Engagement with co-managers over issues affecting Klamath fishery management would be constructive in making recommendations to this Council.

In the absence of this collaboration, we are faced with the alternatives for 2007 salmon management that potentially conflict with the Fishery Management Plan. The Plan calls for harvest rate management and that in all years the 35,000 adult natural spawner floor be cleared. Instead, two of the options developed in April provide additional escapement beyond the floor level thereby affecting the total harvestable surplus, and potentially the tribal harvest level. Indeed the options appear to conflict with this Council's actions of 2006 in which fishing was enabled at the expense of sub-floor spawner escapement.

The Hoopa Valley Tribe was not consulted regarding any new information that would require added conservation burdens in 2007.

Accordingly, the Tribe advises the Council that its harvest will be based on the FMP conservation standard assuming 50-50 sharing between tribal and non-tribal sectors of the harvestable surplus.