

Agenda Item G.5.c
Supplemental Comments of Hoopa Valley Tribe
April 2007

HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COMMENTS ON
Final Action on 2007 Salmon Management Measures

The Hoopa Valley Tribe looks forward to better collaboration with co-managers in development of the 2008 salmon management cycle. Uncoordinated harvest objectives of the 1980s resulted in an unacceptable risk to the resource.

Reviewing the options before the Council, we acknowledge the Council's efforts to address our concerns to ensure full utilization of harvestable Klamath fall chinook.

Presently, the developed alternative appears neutral in its effect upon the harvestable surplus allocable to Klamath Basin tribal fisheries while being consistent with the conservation objectives for fall chinook as specified in the FMP.

The Tribe will consider its 2007 harvest objective including possibly elevating tribal harvest levels in the event that the river recreational fishery fails to fully utilize the balance of the non-tribal share.

We continue to develop information needs for managing Klamath spring chinook. Here again, continued participation by co-managers will ensure a comprehensive approach to future management of this stock. Presently, we note that California regulates the harvest of Klamath spring chinook in the absence of specified objectives or comprehensive management plan.