

**Comments on Stocks Not Meeting Escapement Goals
For 2008**

Mr. Chairman, I would like to just briefly comment on the status of Queets spring/summer Chinook.

- ❑ This stock has not met their spawning escapement goal for the past five years.
- ❑ While this stock is categorized as an exception to the application of the overfishing criteria in fishery management plan (FMP) Amendment 14 and do not require any specific Council actions, their condition is such that some assessment by the Council may be appropriate.
- ❑ I would like the Council to direct the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Habitat Committee to conduct an evaluation of whether the coastal stocks continue to be exploited at less than 5 percent in Council managed fisheries and to conduct an initial assessment of the causes for their recent decline.
- ❑ I would suggest that they report back to the Council with this initial assessment within the next year.

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