

**Preliminary Definition of 2008 Management Options
to the Pacific Fishery Management Council
March 11, 2008**

- The forecasts for coho on the Washington coast and Puget Sound for both wild and hatchery stocks are less than last year. We believe that these forecasts will allow for some limited harvest this year even while taking into consideration the needs of the Lower Columbia River natural coho, Oregon Natural Coho and Canadian Interior Fraser (Thompson).
- For chinook, the tule hatchery stocks should provide some harvest opportunity in the ocean fisheries. We continue to live up to the commitment that we made in 1988 to the Columbia River Tribes to not increase our impacts on Columbia River chinook stocks of concern. However, additional listed chinook stocks will require continued attention to devise fisheries that meet the ESA requirements for these stocks.
- The tribes continue to have concerns about our ability to appropriately analyze and manage selective fisheries. We encourage the states to continue rigorous monitoring and sampling of these fisheries and to continue communication on this issue with the tribes.
- The Washington Tribes, in cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, are beginning the process of establishing a package of fisheries that will ensure acceptable levels of harvest of natural stocks of concern. In addition, we have joint Tribal/State agreement on specific 2008 management objectives for Puget Sound and Washington coastal chinook and coho salmon.

I offer the following range of preliminary options for the ocean Treaty troll fishery for compilation and analysis by the Salmon Technical Team with the understanding that this is only the first step towards finalizing options this week that will be adopted by the Council to be sent out for public review.

Treaty Troll Options

	<u>Coho</u>	<u>Chinook</u>
Option I	25,000	40,000
Option II	20,000	35,000
Option III	15,000	20,000

For chinook, Option I to be modeled with 22,500 taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 17,500 would be taken in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

Option II 17,500 taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 17,500 in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

Option III 10,000 taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 10,000 in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.