



Quinault Indian Nation

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Dear Mr. Lohn,

The Quinault Indian Nation requests information regarding NOAA Fisheries' procedures, protocols, and timeframes for consideration of requests for tribal participation in the whiting fishery. In addition, we would appreciate information on any special monitoring and reporting needs to help us prepare to meet resource management responsibilities.

Interest in exploring opportunities to harvest whiting and other species within our Usual and Accustomed fishing areas is increasing and we anticipate that our entry into the whiting fishery may occur as early as 2009. We have already initiated discussions with the other Coastal Treaty Tribes so that management can be adequately coordinated to ensure orderly conduct of the treaty whiting fishery in the future.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Johnstone".

Ed Johnstone
Quinault Fisheries Policy

cc: Dr. Donald McIssac, Pacific Fisheries Management Council
Frank Lockhart, NOAA Fisheries
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