

Tentative Adoption of 2009 Management Measures April 6, 2009

- ❖ This year coho stocks are up from last year and there are specific conservation concerns for the Lower Columbia River wild and OCN stocks. We are also aware of the need to keep all U.S. fisheries south of the Canadian border to the level in the Pacific Salmon Treaty coho agreement. This includes the Interior Fraser (Thompson) coho.
- ❖ For Chinook, we have a complex task of meeting the low exploitation rate objectives defined in our Comprehensive Chinook Harvest Plan for Puget Sound Chinook, meeting the new guidelines for Columbia Lower River Natural Tules and concerns for low abundance of North Coast Chinook stocks.
- ❖ We are very close to meeting all the objectives with the fisheries we are currently modeling we will be able fully meet them with a few additional fishery adjustments.
- ❖ We also have to be aware of the impact from our fishery on Columbia River chinook. We fully intend to continue to live up to the commitment that we made to the four Columbia River tribes in 1988 to not increase our impacts on Columbia River chinook stocks of concern.
- ❖ We have been in the process of establishing, cooperatively with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), a package of fisheries that will ensure acceptable levels of impact on natural stocks of concern as well as providing opportunity to harvest hatchery stocks. In many cases we have now reached agreement on specific 2009 management measures and terminal area fisheries agreements. Further, the tribes are continuing to work cooperatively with WDFW in hopes of finding successful outcomes for the remaining regions and terminal area fisheries.

For the Treaty Indian ocean troll fishery, I would like to offer the following Treaty troll management measures for **tentative** adoption and for analysis by the Salmon Technical Team:

A Chinook quota of: 39,000

A coho quota of: 60,000

This would consist of a May/June chinook only fishery and a July/August/September all species fishery. The chinook will be split 19,000 in May/June and 20,000 in July-September. Gear restrictions, size limits and other appropriate regulations would be as stated in previous Salmon Technical Team analysis, (Table 3).