## Preliminary Definition of 2017 Management Options to the Pacific Fishery Management Council March 9, 2017

The forecasts for coho on the Washington coast for both wild and hatchery stocks slightly higher this year; Puget Sound coho over all is higher than last year. We are also encouraged that the forecasts for the OPI stocks and OCN's although slightly down from as last year but still able to have a fishery. We believe that these forecasts will allow for moderate harvest this year even while taking into consideration the needs of the Queets River, Puget Sound and the Canadian Thompson River coho.

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.

The tribes also continue to encourage the States to keep their rigorous monitoring and sampling of mark selective fisheries in the Ocean, Columbia River and Puget Sound.

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 <u>first step</u> towards finalizing options this week that will be adopted by the Council to be sent out for public review.

## **Treaty Troll Options**

	<u>Chinook</u>	<u>Coho</u>
Alternative I	50,000	40,000
Alternative II	40,000	22,000
Alternative III	30,000	12,500

## For Chinook:

**Alternative I** to be modeled with **25,000** taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and **25,000** would be taken in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

**Alternative II** to be modeled with **20,000** taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and **20,000** in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

**Alternative III** to be modeled with **15,000** taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and **15,000** in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.