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Scott Schuyler:

The Sauk-Suiattle Tribe supports the testimony to PFMC provided by the Upper Skagit Tribe. We completely agree with the content of this testimony.

One of the essential elements needed to help assure the preservation of our salmon stocks is sound management decisions. We rely on management bodies such as PFMC to assure an abundant number of Chinook and Coho are allowed to enter Puget Sound to provide fishing opportunities and seed the spawning grounds. Again, Skagit Coho are projected to return at critical low abundance. The tribe will have no fall commercial fishery opportunity.

We strongly support an ocean option below the present low option. In future planning process, we suggest lower ocean option expectations should be entertained at the beginning of the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Kirby". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Grant Kirby on behalf of:
Jason Joseph
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