

**Statement of the Columbia River Tribes regarding STT Collation of Preliminary Salmon
Alternatives for 2018 Ocean Fisheries**

March 13, 2018

Good afternoon members of the Council. The Columbia River tribes are in opposition to Alternative 1 as currently structured. The reason is that this option does not provide reasonable escapement for Columbia River upriver stocks and would needlessly constrain treaty and non-treaty in-river fisheries and unnecessarily preclude our ability to harvest as much of the tribal 50% of the harvestable number of fall chinook as possible. We expect the Council to modify this option appropriately prior to final adoption on Wednesday. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.