



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Agenda Item E.6.a
Supplemental Tribal Report 1
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Brad Pettinger, Chair
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Re: Pacific Fisheries Management Council April 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Pettinger

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation enjoy federally recognized and protected rights in fisheries managed by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council ("PFMC") on our reservation, adjacent to our reservation, and off reservation in our traditional, aboriginal, and ceded territories. We appreciate the time that the Council, staff, committees, and advisory boards provided to consider our concerns and priorities this week while we have participated in this process. Salmon are a critical first food for us, and are also essential for our continued cultural and spiritual needs, now and into the future. Our interests are always focused on escapement for subsistence, natural spawning, and hatchery brood. It is for these reasons that we urged the PFMC to be conservative when determining the ocean harvests.

We have participated in this process and seen the model runs for the final ocean harvest alternative being considered today, and appreciate that the Council took steps to balance the interests of many stakeholders. Although CTCR did not recommend Alternative 1, we noted that the ocean harvest impact on Upper Columbia Summer Chinook within Alternative 1 did decrease throughout the process, and we appreciated those reductions. Its unfortunate that contemporary salmon runs do not meet the needs of all the stakeholders. The salmon harvest subsistence needs of the CTCR will not be fully met in 2024; however, the CTCR harvest allocation of Upper Columbia Summer Chinook resulting from your process, and our harvest agreement with the State of Washington, will not unduly constrain the Colville Tribes from implementing a tribal member fishing season and collecting brood for the Chief Joseph Fish Hatchery.

I appreciate your time and consideration, as well as the opportunity to provide the Colville Tribes' perspective. We look forward to continuing to work with the PFMC into the future.

Sincerely,

Cindy Marchand, Fisheries Chairman
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