

### **Preliminary Definition of 2012 Salmon Management Options**

The forecasts for coho on the Washington coast for both wild and hatchery stocks are higher than last year, Puget Sound coho is down. We believe that these forecasts will allow for some moderate harvest this year even while taking into consideration the needs of the Lower Columbia River natural coho and 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 Snake River Chinook stocks.

The tribes remain to have concerns about marked selective fisheries in the ocean. The tribes would like to have the coho mark selective parameters that are currently in the coho FRAM model reviewed, after 12+ years they may need to be updated. We encourage the states to continue their rigorous monitoring and sampling of these fisheries and to continue communication on this issue with the tribes.

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 first step 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>
Option I	60,000	60,000
Option II	50,000	50,000
Option III	40,000	40,000

For Chinook:

**Option I** to be modeled with 24,000 taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 36,000 would be taken in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

**Option II** 25,000 taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 25,000 in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.

**Option III** 20,000 taken in the May/June chinook directed fishery and 20,000 in the July/August/ September all-species fishery.