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Will Stelle
Regional Administrator
NMFS Northwest Region
7600 Sand Point Way N.E.
Seattle, WA 98115-0700

Re: Quileute Tribal Request for Whiting Allocation

Dear Mr. Stelle:

As you are aware, the Quileute Tribe has been working diligently over the past couple of years to develop the framework necessary to establish a Quileute Tribe Whiting Fishery within their usual and accustomed fishing grounds and stations ("U &A").

The Secretary of Commerce, through NMFS, has issued regulations allocating whiting to the Pacific Coast Tribes since approximately 1996. The Quileute Tribe pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 660.324 (d), are hereby advising NMFS of its intent to participate in this fishery in 2011 and requests that NMFS take any action that may be necessary to ensure the Tribe's access to their right. If you would like to discuss this matter or believe that additional action by the Tribe is necessary, please contact Mel Moon, Director of Quileute Natural Resources, at (360) 374-3133 (mel.moon@quileutenation.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Rose Counsell-Geyer".

Anna Rose Counsell-Geyer
Chair, Quileute Tribal Council

CC: Barry Thom, NMFS
Frank Lockhart, NMFS
Don Chapman, DOC