



Hoopa Valley Tribe

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March 12, 2015

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
Attn: *Brian Fredieu*
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Re: Hoopa Valley Tribal preferences for nominations to PFMC tribal seat

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

I am writing you to propose one primary and two alternate candidates for the at-large Tribal seat on Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Our nominee for primary representative is Mike Orcutt, Hoopa Valley Tribe, who would be supported by two alternates: Mel Moon, Quileute Tribe, and David Sones of the Makah Nation.

As you are aware, the Hoopa Valley and Yurok tribes share a reserved right to the Klamath River fishery. Both tribes have closely followed the PFMC since the early 1980's. We have learned that the breadth of issues affected by the PFMC process is broad including not only salmon but ground fish and highly migratory species. Hence, while a single tribal seat has typically been representative of all issues, we believe a more effective form of representation would be to recognize a principal representative, supported by alternate designees to address the diversity of issues before the PFMC. Indeed, this is the model followed by several of state and federal co-managers on the PFMC.

Mike Orcutt is director of our Fisheries Department and has served in that capacity for over 30 years. He has routinely attended PFMC meetings on our behalf and has served on several committees and task groups of the PFMC during his tenure. Through his experience, Mike has developed a good rapport with other tribal groups associated with the PFMC process as well as those representing state and federal co-managers. We believe Mike would be an excellent principal representative for the tribal seat on PFMC. However, as discussed above, we'd envision Mike would draw on the expertise of other tribal co-managers when needed to address issues outside of his expertise.

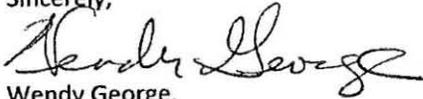
One prospective alternate designee would be Mel Moon, Natural Resources Director for Quileute Tribe, Washington. Mel has served as commissioner to Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, an appointee to the federal advisory committee for Marine Protected Areas, and a continual representative for the Quileute Tribe to the Pacific Salmon Commission, PFMC, and North of Falcon (Washington State salmon). He has negotiated a number of management agreements with the state and the coastal treaty tribes regarding both the marine and river fisheries.

Another alternate would be David Sones of the Makah Nation and present PFMC Tribal representative to PFMC. His experience includes service as Vice-Chairman to the Makah Tribal Council and Natural Resource Director for Makah where he assisted the Tribal Council in establishing policy for Fisheries, Forestry and Land Development. Mr. Sones career also includes service to the Tribal Southern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission and as Alternate and Commissioner to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

The alternates supporting our nominee for principal representative would likely expand beyond Mr. Moon and Mr. Sones. We are very respectful of the rich diversity of expertise and interests offered by other tribes of the northwest and know that Mr. Orcutt would effectively solicit their participation in support of his work were he appointed to the PFMC Tribal seat.

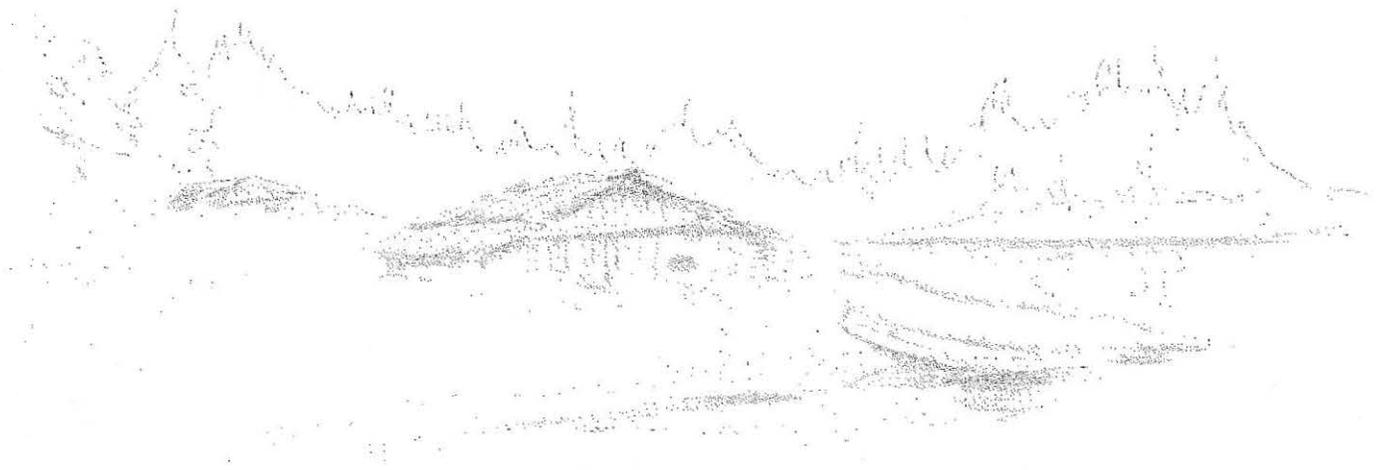
I thank you for this opportunity to nominate candidates for the tribal at large seat on PFMC. Please contact Mr. Mike Orcutt (530.625.4267 ext 13) should you have need to discuss our recommendations.

Sincerely,



Wendy George,
Vice Chairwoman,

CC: Mr. Charles Woodruff, Chairman, Quileute Tribal Council
Mr. Timothy J. Greene, Chairman, Makah Tribal Council





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Attention: William Chappell

RE: Support for James Harp nomination for Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal representative appointment

Dear Dr. Chappel:

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is fully supportive of James Harp for the appointment to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) Tribal Seat.

James has been a strong advocate for the Pacific Northwest tribes with his long time involvement in fishery management. His fishery management experience spans more than 30 years.

James is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and he has a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding the fisheries and the people from the Washington Coast, Puget Sound, and Columbia River. He understands the tribal economies that are dependent on salmon and other marine fisheries resources.

Further, we feel that he will be an effective advocate for the Tribes in this capacity on the PFMC. We applaud him on his fairness and appreciate his leadership abilities to balance the competing desires of various groups and blend a lot of complicated factors into a complete package of fisheries for salmon. We are confident that he will maintain a high level of professionalism in fisheries management and will contribute to both Indian and non-Indian fishing communities alike.

The Muckleshoot Tribe respectfully requests that you will consider James in filling this important role in the PFMC process.

Sincerely,



Virginia Cross
Chairwoman
Tribal Council

c: William Stelle, NOAA Fisheries
Mike Grayum (NWIFC)



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March 13, 2015

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Attn: Brian Fredieu

**Re: Nomination of Joseph Y. Oatman to Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)
Tribal Seat**

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) is proud to nominate Joseph Y. Oatman to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) as the designated Tribal representative.

The Nez Perce Tribe has federally recognized fishing rights and those rights have been adjudicated in the United States v. Oregon court. The Nez Perce Tribe has been a party to the United States v. Oregon litigation since the beginning of the case. The United States v. Oregon addresses treaty fishing rights of the Tribe and provides a forum for management of mainstem Columbia River treaty and non-treaty fisheries.

The Nez Perce Tribe has interests in ensuring salmon are protected in Snake River, Columbia River, Pacific Northwest and international forums involving regional fish resources. The Tribe is involved in fish restoration so that it may work to conserve, protect and rebuild runs to self-sustaining, harvestable levels.

The Tribe is very interested in the stewardship and management of marine fisheries that are under the jurisdiction of the PFMC. Both Snake River fall Chinook and coho are important stocks in PFMC area and terminal fisheries. The Nez Perce Tribe's Department of Fisheries Resources Management, with almost 200 employees, a \$20 million annual budget and a three state work area encompassed by the Tribe's ceded territory, is one of the largest tribal fisheries programs in the United States. The program has been instrumental in restoring Columbia basin salmonids wisely, and in so doing, protecting and enhancing rights to fish reserved by the Tribe in its treaties. The Department is recognized by federal and state fisheries co-managers as being instrumental to the efforts of restoring the resources of the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Oatman has worked for the Tribe's Department of Fisheries Resource Management (DFRM) in various capacities since 1992. In that time, he has done field technician work, including surveying salmon fish populations and tagging fish; worked as a harvest biologist doing fishery harvest estimation and assisting the Nez Perce Tribe in managing its treaty salmon fisheries; and, has performed many managerial functions and duties in DFRM since hired as the Deputy Program Manager, a position that work in the administration of the Fisheries Program and its seven divisions that works to protect and rebuild anadromous and resident fish populations. Joseph handles a lot of the harvest and harvest-related issues for the Tribe, through his participation in the United States v. Oregon forum and process, as a standing member on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), the Regulatory Coordinating Committee (RCC), and his technical assistance to the Nez Perce policy member to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Oatman was also appointed to the Pacific Salmon Treaty Southern Panel in January of 2011 and re-appointed in October of 2014. The Panel consists of one representative of the United States, one appointee each from the governors of Washington and Oregon, two representatives of treaty Indian tribes, one appointee of the Secretary of State, and six representatives from Canada. The Southern Panel oversees U.S. ocean/river fisheries and certain southern Canadian fisheries. As a representative on the Southern Panel, it is his role and responsibility is to communicate the concerns and positions of the Southern U.S. tribes (four Columbia River Treaty Tribes and the 20 western Washington/Puget Sound treaty tribes) among this diverse group. The Nez Perce Tribe has a councilman who also serves as the Alternate Commissioner to the Pacific Salmon Commission, and Mr. Oatman interacts with him as necessary.

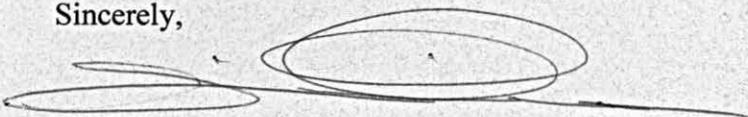
And more recently in 2014, he has been appointed to the Pacific Salmon Commission Southern Boundary Restoration and Enhancement Fund, the body that is responsible for providing a long-term and stable monetary base that supports efforts to conserve and enhance Pacific salmon populations in an effort to support healthy fisheries in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Oatman's knowledge of the relevant fisheries and the areas in which they occur will help him in the role of a PFMC member representing Tribal interests and priorities (please see his CV for additional details). These hands on experiences give him a very relevant background for serving on this council, given the relationship and connections between the harvest forums of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, United States v. Oregon, and harvest management and fish production actions that occur in the Snake Basin.

The Nez Perce Tribe is active in local, regional, national and international forums and processes that affect our fishery resources. We believe our nominee has the education and expertise to truly provide solid participation in the PFMC forum and process, and we are confident that he will be an effective member of the PFMC.

I thank you for this opportunity to submit this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Silas C. Whitman
Chairman



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Re: Quileute preferences for nominations to PFMC tribal seat

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

This letter regards the Quileute Tribal Council's three recommendations for the PFMC tribal seat: Mike Orcutt of the Hoopa Valley Tribe (CA) or Sue Masten of the Yurok Tribe (CA) as suggested primary candidates, and Mel Moon of the Quileute Tribe (WA), as an alternate. However, before we address their qualifications, we would like to share with you the setting that leads to our support for these nominations.

The Quileute Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located on the Pacific Coast in Washington State, with treaty-reserved rights to the river and marine fisheries in its Usual and Accustomed Area. As part of our shared co-management of these treaty fisheries with the state and federal agencies (and with some U&A overlap north and south with neighboring tribes), we have worked integrally for several decades now with not only these agencies (e.g., WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA), but also with the Pacific Coast of Washington treaty tribes and with many other PFMC participants. Over the years this has broadened to include state agencies and tribes in California, Oregon and eastern Washington, such as the Columbia River tribes.

It has become apparent to us that in the extremely complex field of fisheries management, more than one perspective is essential to good decision-making. We note that the states and federal agencies make the use of alternates, and that the MSA provides for this for tribes as well (16 U.S.C. §1852 (b)(2)). It is also good to rotate expertise over the years within different areas.

We have come to know and admire Mike Orcutt of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. He is presently the director of their Natural Resources Department and also has for some years now been on the PFMC's Habitat Committee in the California seat. He has frequently testified before PFMC as part of these duties. Additionally he has been a co-lead in negotiations of the Klamath River disputes. Hoopa, as with its neighbor the Yurok, has fishing rights similar to that of the Washington Treaty Tribes—a 50% interest in

the salmonids of the river systems. He also brings perspective of issues at the southern end of the California current.

Sue Masten is Vice Chair of the of the Yurok Tribe's Council and recently has been an active spokesperson for California Tribes in general and the Yurok in particular, regarding the development of a West Coast Regional Planning Body under the National Ocean Policy. She was present in Portland this January for the recent discussion on both the RPB and proposed modification of the West Coast Governors Alliance and a significant leader in discussion of "next steps" regarding these policy bodies. Yurok is also involved in planning for fisheries use of the Klamath watershed and in discussions involving both California and Oregon to assure salmonids have adequate water levels for their life cycle.

Mel Moon is director of Quileute's Natural Resources Department, a position he has held for 30 years. In that capacity he has been a commissioner to Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, an appointee to the federal advisory committee for Marine Protected Areas, and a continual representative for the tribe to the Pacific Salmon Commission, PFMC, and North of Falcon (Washington State salmon). He has negotiated a number of management agreements with the state and the coastal treaty tribes regarding both the marine and river fisheries.

The Quileute Tribe Council believes that these three working collectively will be able to tap the concerns of all the tribes involved in PFMC to bring their wide perspectives into focus on key issues before the Council. It is our hope that you will agree and accept this nomination of either Mike Orcutt or Sue Masten as primaries for the tribal seat, with Mel Moon as an alternate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Charles Woodruff, Chairman
Quileute Tribal Council



Quinault Indian Nation

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March 13, 2015

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Attention: Brian Fredieu

RE: James Harp appointment Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal Seat

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

On behalf of the Quinault Indian Nation, I am pleased to endorse the nomination of James Harp to the Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal Seat. The Quinault Indian Nation, located on the Washington coast, is one of the 26 federally recognized tribes with federally recognized treaty fishing rights.

James is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and his fishery conservation and management experience spans at least 30 years. His experience includes serving as the Quinault Tribal Policy Representative, and on a technical level, he worked for nearly twenty years for the Quinault Department of Natural Resources as the Fisheries Manager. He has demonstrated both technical skills along with his policy-level experience.

James has been a strong advocate for the Pacific Northwest tribes with his long time involvement in fishery management. He has been an effective advocate for the Tribes in this capacity on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and has been the Tribal representative in the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Southern Panel as well. James has a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding the fisheries from Alaska through Canada to the upper reaches of the Columbia River system and the Klamath River system in northern California.

Further, he has been extremely reliable and consistent in representing tribes in the fishery regimes affecting chinook and coho salmon fisheries. He understands the tribal economies that are dependent on the salmon and he also endeavors to look toward the future of the salmon.

We appreciate his leadership abilities to balance the competing desires of various groups and we applaud him on his fairness to blend into a package of fisheries for salmon for everyone.

The Quinault Indian Nation respectfully requests that you will give James strong consideration in filling this important role in the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) process.

Sincerely,

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Fawn R. Sharp, President
Quinault Indian Nation

cc: Will Stelle, NMFS NWR



March 11, 2015

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
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Attention: Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

Please accept this letter of nomination for the Pacific Council tribal representative position which is now expiring. The Tribe would like to nominate Jim Harp as the Pacific Council tribal representative for the upcoming term. Mr. Harp, as you may already know previously held the seat prior to the current expiring term.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Washington, Chair USIT

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON



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March 2, 2015

Eileen Sobeck
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Attn: William Chappell

Re: Jim Harp PFMC Appointment Tribal Seat

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

This letter is to communicate the wish of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon ("Warm Springs Tribe" or "Warm Springs") to nominate Jim Harp, an enrolled member of the Quinault Indian Nation (Queets Band), to serve on the Pacific Fishery Management Council ("PFMC") as the designated tribal representative.

As you know, Warm Springs is a Treaty fishing tribe with on and off-reservation fishing rights secured by the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon of June 25, 1855 (12 Stat. 963). As a Treaty fishing tribe, Warm Springs has litigated to enforce its fishing rights in *U.S. v. Oregon*, *U.S. v. Washington*, *Confederated Tribes v. Baldrige* and other continuing jurisdiction federal court proceedings. We have also actively participated in international, national, and regional fisheries management bodies, such as the PFMC. As the regional management body with jurisdiction over ocean fisheries off the coast of Oregon and Washington that impact Columbia River salmon stocks on which Warm Springs exercises Treaty fishing rights, we are keenly aware of the importance of PFMC in ensuring that Warm Springs Treaty fishing rights are protected.

As you know, the Magnuson Act assigns one of the seats on the PFMC to a representative from of an Indian Tribe with federally recognized fishing rights from Oregon, Washington, Idaho or California. It is now time to nominate a tribal representative to fill that position on the Council. It is our great honor to nominate our friend and colleague of many years, Mr. Jim Harp.

Mr. Harp has devoted his entire adult life to representing his Tribe, the Quinault Indian Nation, and in particular, the Queets Band of Quinault, on fisheries matters and other important tribal

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policy matters. He has served as an elected member of the Quinault Business Committee for nearly 25 years, served as Chairman of the Queets River Fish Committee for two decades, served as the Quinault Treaty Area Commissioner to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, and held numerous other policy level positions in tribal and regional fisheries management bodies.

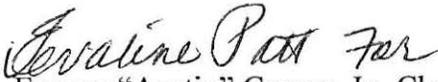
On a technical level, Mr. Harp has worked for nearly 20 years for the Quinault Department of Natural Resources as the Assistant Direct for Fisheries/Fisheries Manager. His technical skills and experience are as exceptional as his policy-level experience.

Of course, what most qualifies Mr. Harp for appointment to a voting position on PFMC is his prior experience from 1988 to 2006 serving a record of six consecutive terms as a voting member of the Council. Certainly, it is now time to return Mr. Harp to the PFMC

Accordingly, the Warm Springs Tribe wishes to formally nominate Mr. Jim Harp for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to voting membership on the PFMC.

We urge you to act on this nomination and forward Mr. Harp's name to the Secretary of Commerce at your earliest convenience for appointment to the PFMC.

Thank you.


Eugene "Austin" Greene, Jr., Chairman
Warm Springs Tribal Council

cc: Bob Turner



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March 12, 2015

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Re: Yurok Tribe nomination to PFMC tribal seat

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

On behalf of the Yurok Tribe, I would like to nominate three individuals for the tribal seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Our preferred nominee is Sue Masten, Yurok Tribal Vice-Chair and long-term subsistence and commercial fisher. I'd also like to nominate Mel Moon of the Quileute Tribe, as an alternate, and Jim Harp of the Quinault Tribe.

The Yurok Tribe is a federally recognized tribe located on the lower 44 miles of the Klamath River, with federally reserved fishing rights. The Klamath River fisheries resource is an integral component of the Yurok way of life; intertwined with cultural, ceremonial, sustenance and commercial aspects of Yurok existence. The ancestral territory of the Yurok Tribe was centered on the river, and today the Yurok Reservation extends for a mile on each side of the Klamath River from the Pacific Ocean to just upstream of confluence of the Klamath and Trinity Rivers; these boundaries reflect the importance of the river and its fishery resource to us. Yurok People have also always gathered and fished for marine resources from within our ancestral territory since longer than can be remembered.

Sue Masten has been involved with Yurok fishing issues since before our federally reserved fishing rights were recognized by the federal government. In fact, Sue was instrumental in having our fishing rights acknowledged by the federal government and the courts (*Parravono v Masten*, 9th Cir. 1995, cert denied, 116 S. Ct. 2546 (1996)). Sue spent many years in the late 1970's to the late 1990's attending PFMC and Klamath Fishery Management Council (KFMC) meetings, testifying on behalf of Yurok People to have our fishing rights acknowledged. Since the Tribal government was formally organized in the 1993, Sue has spent 3 years as Chair and 3 years as Vice Chair, continually advocating for the protection of our fishery resource through responsible management for the past 37 years, so that future generations of Yurok People can benefit from a healthy fishery. More recently, Sue has been actively involved with protecting our marine fishing and gathering rights, as well as leading our efforts as a Co-Manager to participate in marine planning activities under the National Ocean Policy.

Mel Moon is director of Quileute's Natural Resources Department, a position he has held for 30 years. In that capacity he has been a commissioner to Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, an appointee to the federal advisory committee for Marine Protected Areas, and a continual representative for the Quileute tribe to the Pacific Salmon Commission, PFMC, and North of Falcon (Washington State salmon). He has negotiated a number of management agreements with the state and the coastal treaty tribes regarding both the marine and river fisheries. Mel has expressed an interest in serving as an alternate for the Tribal seat, which is what we are nominating him to be considered for.

We would also like to nominate Jim Harp for consideration as the tribal representative on the PFMC. Jim has many years of experience with the PFMC, serving in the tribal seat for several terms. Jim also served as the PFMC liaison to the KFMC for several years, thereby having first-hand knowledge of issues in the Klamath Basin. As a tribal representative on the PFMC, Jim was open to working with us to represent our ideas in the Council process.

Finally, I would like to note that given the complexities of fishery issues facing Tribes along the west coast, as well as the geographic scope of these fisheries, we think the process should allow for more than one tribal seat. Absent additional Tribal seats, we support the concept of alternates being used in the Tribal seat, so that perspectives closest particular issues are better represented.

In summary, we are nominating Sue Masten as our preferred representative on the PFMC. We also believe that the Council would be well-served by our nominee Mel Moon, as an alternate for the Tribal seat, and Jim Harp as a representative for the Tribal seat. If you have any questions regarding these nominations, please contact me at the address in the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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Thomas O'Rourke, Chair