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Subject: Seeking clarification on required sampling rates for Hood Canal Chinook and Coho treaty commercial fisheries

Good morning,

I am seeking clarification on the rate of sampling required by the tribes during Hood Canal and Skokomish River commercial Chinook and Coho salmon fisheries, that have possible impacts on ESA listed Summer Chum, Mid Hood Canal Chinook, the Skokomish River NOR (normal & late-timed components) and Spring Chinook. During yesterday's (4/6/21) Co-manager meeting with WDFW and all Hood Canal Tribes, discussion revolved around the Point No Point Treaty Council (PNPTC) proposal for a new treaty troll fishery in 12/12B (Mid Hood Canal region) and subsequent efforts to monitor and sample. In lieu of any written documentation (PNPTC to date has not provided the co-managers with a monitoring, sampling and enforcement plan), it was stated by the PNPTC staff that the necessary sampling for this newly proposed treaty troll fishery would be only up to the "industry standard of 20%, if possible" and that "Discussions PNPTC had with NOAA confirmed that this 20%, if possible, was an acceptable rate of sampling". Also, the PNPTC staff stated that "the Skokomish Tribe is over-sampling existing commercial Chinook & Coho fisheries and it is not necessary to exceed 20%, and Skokomish should only be trying to achieve if possible 20%, because circumstances arise that might prevent an agency from meeting that 20%". Please let me know ASAP if this is the case and that 20% or less is acceptable to NOAA fisheries, so that I can adjust the Skokomish Tribe Commercial Sampling and Monitoring Program and refocus current sampling staff and resources to other programs.

Thanks much

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