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Dear Mr. Stelle:

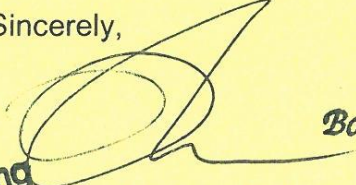
In a letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) dated April 25, 2016, the Puget Sound Tribes summarized their objectives for managing the harvest of Puget Sound Chinook during the 2016-17 season.

The letter describes changes in management strategies for some management units. For other units, objectives remain the same as stated in the 2010 Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan (Puget Sound Indian Tribes and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 2010). The revised objectives are more conservative than those adopted in previous versions, which the NMFS determined were compliant with the conservation standards of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Salmon 4(d) Rule.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) administers programs that, among other things, support tribal management of salmon fisheries in Puget Sound. To support the tribes' exercise of treaty fishing rights and to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the ESA, we request consultation with the NMFS on revisions to the 2010 Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan for the 2016-17 season.

Should you need additional information please contact Rudy Peone, Fishery Biologist, at (503) 872-2878 or email at [rudy.peone@bia.gov](mailto:rudy.peone@bia.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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