



# MUCKLESHOOT 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)