

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON



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Eileen Sobeck  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
NOAA Fisheries  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 2010

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