

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

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RESOLUTION 2018-10

Opposition to Alternatives: C3 GOA Non-Pollock Trawl Chinook PSC Limits

WHEREAS, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe (YTT) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under federal law and is empowered under its constitution and by-laws to execute agreements and contracts to benefit its members; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Tribe is the Yakutat Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to protect the health of our tribal members that consume traditional foods, such as Chinook salmon; and

WHEREAS, many of our tribal members are also commercial fishermen whose livelihoods depend on sufficient salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, the Chinook salmon population stocks have been decreasing throughout the entire Southeast Alaska region and the vast majority of Chinook stocks are not meeting escapement goals; and

WHEREAS, local fishermen have already felt the increased management restrictions on Chinook salmon that impact both our ability to nourish ourselves and generate income; and

WHEREAS, it would be irresponsible of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) to allow for an increase in the limits of Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) which is already a dwindling stock.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of Yakutat Tlingit Tribe hereby adamantly is opposed to any alternatives which would increase the existing Chinook salmon PSC limits for non-Pollock trawl CVs and CVs fishing under the authority of a central GOA Rockfish Program cooperative quota permit.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe at which a quorum of the members was present, by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, and 0 abstained, this 27th day of March 2018.

ATTEST:


John Buller, Tribal President


Victoria Demmert, Tribal Secretary

MISSION

To preserve, maintain and protect the unique culture, land & resources of Yakutat Tlingit people;
to maximize our social, health & well-being while creating economic development benefits to all tribal members.

