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Commerce Announces 2009 Ocean Fishery Council Appointment
Tribal Council Seat Filled

The Commerce Department today announced the reappointment of David B. Sones to the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Sones is a member of the Makah Indian Tribe, and will serve his second term as the Tribal designee for the Northwest, Columbia River and Klamath River Tribal Nations. He will serve on the Council until August 10, 2012.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, responsible for creating comprehensive plans for marine fish stocks in their regions. Among their goals is to fulfill the act's charge to end overfishing of 41 stocks by 2010. NOAA's Fisheries Service works closely with the councils during plan development and also reviews, approves and implements the management plans developed by the councils.

Council members represent diverse interests - commercial and recreational fisheries, environmental concerns and academia. The secretary of commerce selects a total of 72 appointed members to the eight regional fishery management councils.

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The 2009 Report to Congress on Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg_svcs/councils.htm