



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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Ted Sturdevant, Director
Department of Ecology
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Dear Director Sturdevant,

I am writing in response to your August 15, 2012 letter to Chairman Lopeman inviting a representative to sit at the Key Delegates Table for a Fish Consumption Rate Policy Forum.

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council has discussed your invitation and respectfully declines to participate. The Clean Water Act requires a fish consumption rate protective of human health and we have sufficient, solid science to move ahead without further delay. We want action, not further discussion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Whitener".

Andy Whitener
Natural Resources Director