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A top Interior Department official from Washington, D. C. will be in Northern California December 1-3 to meet with state officials, Indian leaders and others about the management of the Klamath River fishery on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Roy Sampsel said the meetings would "provide opportunities for identifying problems and seeking coordinated approaches to improved management of this important resource.

Sampsel will be on the reservation December 1 and 2 to meet with staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fish and Wildlife Service as well as representatives of the Hoopa and Yurok tribes. On December 3 he will be in Sacramento for meetings with representatives of the Governor's office, the California Fish and Game office, and the Pacific Fishing Management Council.

"We have a great concern," Sampsel said, "for the continued strength and viability of the Klamath fishery. We will be meeting with others who share this concern. I think that should be useful."