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that wasn't a majority opinion."

Hatch suggested that the Tribe might have mistakenly cut off an arm to save a finger. "I feel they really have problems now in the management," Hatch said. "There are apparently activists on the Tribal Council who want their hands in managing STEDCO."

Behind the charges of "politics" are these family relations: Werth and Staggs are cousins, the former a nephew, the latter a son to Tribal Council member Gladys Staggs. Royce Strong is a cousin to Tribal Council member and current STEDCO Commissioner Pat Morrell. Morrell is reported to have been a major critic of both Werth and Staggs.

Additionally, Phil Rilatos, Task Force member and current Interim Executive Director of STEDCO, is an uncle to Frank Rilatos, Evergreen Enterprise Supervisor. Frank Rilatos was the only top manager not fired at STEDCO during the last four months. Another uncle, Manuel Rilatos, also is currently serving as an interim STEDCO Commissioner.

Whether good medicine or bad, the firings and resignations at STEDCO have left the Salmon Enterprise on crutches—at least for the time being.

As of Jan. 24, Phil Rilatos reported that the STEDCO Board of Commissioners is operating with three "at-large" memberships vacant, two tribal Board positions filled by temporary appointees, and one more tribal Commissioner's position filled reluctantly by John Roe, who wants to resign from the Commission to avoid possible conflict with his recent appointment as Chief Judge of the Tribal Court.

No one has hired on to replace Werth, Staggs, or Strong. Three positions—Executive Director, Salmon Enterprise Supervisor, and Salmon Salesman—have been advertised. Strong's former position—Production Supervisor—has not been advertised.

Meanwhile, salmon production at STEDCO has come to a halt. Tribal member Doug Brown reported that he and the two other production workers in the Salmon Enterprise were laid-off during the first week of January.

"There's no salmon to process," confirmed Phil Rilatos. "Once there's salmon, they'll come back." Rilatos declined to predict when STEDCO would be in business again processing salmon, but reported that the Evergreen Enterprise is in full production. □

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grading of the split salmon on 6/27/89 was not done properly/completely -or- bad fish was substituted when shipped to STEDCO. It does not make sense for Royce to throw large amounts of salmon in the garbage that he graded and inspected and make a big issue of it.

Interviews with the Salmon Enterprise staff indicate that a lot of salmon thrown in the garbage could have been saved by trimming.

Telephone Interview with Mrs. Quade (By John Roe)

Ted was going to buy the fish. 40 - 50% of good fish lost in processing. Mrs. Quade stressed the most important part is fish buying. Very little training, available by the contract terms, was requested by STEDCO.

Don Cohen received the most information about the business, then Ted. Mrs. Quade offered more meetings, but she was never contacted.

Mrs. Quade was doing about 10,000 pounds of fish per month. After sale of the business, she contacted all accounts and met with Don Cohen regarding marketing and sales.

Mrs. Quade said Royce Strong worked in production for 5 years, did not buy fish. Mrs. Quade did. Royce took fish from the freezer, selecting, slicing and processing for market. She had from 1 - 4 other workers, including sales, from time to time.

Mrs. Quade stated 4 months in the freezer should be the maximum. You must be extra careful with #2 fish. Fish up to 18 pounds just fine for lox.

Customers from Newport and Portland have called Mrs. Quade asking for her product. STEDCO has not contacted them. Some of her biggest customers in Portland and 2 in Newport.

Mrs. Quade paid \$2.30 - \$2.75 per pound for fish. STEDCO should make it by buying through the Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at the lower figure per pound. \$200,00 per year was Mrs. Quade's best year.

4. Throwing Fish in Garbage?

A large amount of fish was thrown in the garbage. Royce Strong's record shows 1,765 pounds of fish was thrown in the garbage.

Also, see comments on Rumor #1 and #3.