SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date: March 28, 2000
Hearing Officer: Mr. LB Boydstun
Location: Moss Landing Community Center, Moss Landing, CA
Other Council Members: Mr. Roger Thomas
Attendance: 50
Coast Guard: None
Testifying: 12
Salmon Team Member: Mr. Allen Grover

Organizations Represented:
Moss Landing Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations
Golden Gate Fishermen’s Associations

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 12 people testifying:
- Three represented or commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- Nine represented or commented primarily on the commercial fishery.

Commercial Troll Comments
- All speakers were in favor of troll Option II.
- Two speakers recommended moving the September closure south of Pedro Point to August.
- One speaker asked that any extra Klamath impacts be applied to San Francisco in May.
- One speaker asked that any extra Klamath impacts be moved to Fort Bragg.
- One speaker recommended that any extra Klamath impacts be moved to the Klamath Management Zone during August.
- One speaker recommended the Bodega Bay test fishery closure be limited to July 4.
- One speaker suggested opening the San Francisco area May 1 rather than later in the month.
- The entire West Coast should be opened to commercial fishing, because the fleet is so small.
- Pinniped problems can be minimized by retaining the mid-August to mid-September closure.
- Landing of 26-inch fish should be allowed after June 30.

Recreational Comments
- All speakers were in favor of sport Option II.
- Two speakers favored an earlier opening date in the Monterey area.

Other Testimony
- One speaker commented that 50/50 sharing of Klamath chinook is not fair.
- There are good signs of recovery of winter and spring chinook.
- Tougher timber harvest rules are needed.
- Hatchery operations need to reviewed in the context of native salmon recovery.
- Demand for troll-caught chinook is increasing.

No Written Statements Were Submitted at the Hearing

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