

## SALMON FISHERY UPDATE

Situation: The only ocean salmon fisheries open in November are the California recreational fisheries between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (scheduled to close November 16) and between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (scheduled to close November 9).

A summary of the management events for the 2003 salmon season (updated through October 15) is contained in Attachment 1. Through October 15, there have been four inseason management conferences to adjust fisheries. The first conference closed the commercial troll fishery north of Cape Falcon effective June 6. The second conference allowed fishing seven days per week in the recreational fishery between Cape Falcon and the Queets River effective July 25. The third conference call ended retention of coho in the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. recreational fishery effective August 19. The fourth conference call transferred 5,000 chinook from the recreational fishery north of Cape Falcon to the commercial fishery north of Cape Falcon.

Mr. Dell Simmons, Chair of the Salmon Technical Team (STT), will provide detailed effort and harvest data for salmon fisheries through October 15 in his report to the Council (Exhibit E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report).

### **Council Task:**

- 1. Discuss issues relevant to inseason management of salmon fisheries.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Exhibit E.1, Attachment 1: Table E.1-1. Sequence of Events in Ocean Salmon Fishery Management through October 15, 2003.
2. Exhibit E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report: Status Report of the 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries off Washington, Oregon, and California.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Salmon Technical Team Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion

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**GENERAL MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND INSEASON CONFERENCES**

Mar. 7	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides the Council with a letter outlining the 2003 management guidance for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
Mar. 14	Council adopts three troll and three recreational ocean salmon fishery management options for public review.
Mar. 20-21	North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Olympia, Washington to initiate consideration of recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Council holds public hearings on proposed 2003 management options in three locations within the three Pacific Coast states.
Apr. 2-3	North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Seattle, Washington to further consider recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
Apr. 10	Council adopts final ocean salmon fishery management recommendations for approval and implementation by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The proposed measures include selective fisheries and comply with the salmon fishery management plan (FMP) and the current biological opinions for listed species. An emergency rule is not required for implementation.
May 6	Ocean salmon seasons implemented as recommended by the Council and published in the <i>Federal Register</i> on May 6 (68 FR 23913) and May 19 (FR 68 FR 27004).
June 5	NMFS inseason conference number one results in closure of the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery effective midnight, June 6, 2003 as the 40,000 chinook quota was approached, and the preseason intent to reserve at least 800 chinook for the June 26-30 opening was in jeopardy.
July 18	NMFS inseason conference number two results in opening of the Cape Falcon to Queets River recreational salmon fishery seven days per week, effective July 25.
Aug. 14	NMFS inseason conference number three results in closure of the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. selective recreational coho fishery effective August 19, 2003 as the quota of 88,000 adipose fin clipped coho was projected to have been met.
Aug. 20	NMFS inseason conference number four results in transfer of 5,000 chinook from the recreational fishery north of Cape Falcon to the commercial fishery north of Cape Falcon, resulting in overall chinook quotas of 54,600 and 69,400 for the recreational and commercial fisheries, respectively.

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS**

Mar. 15	Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 16. The fishery reopens August 1 through 19 and September 1 through October 31.  Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through June 30. The fishery reopens July 17 through 31; August 11 through 29; and September 1 through October 31.  Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through May 31. The fishery is scheduled to reopen June 1 through the earlier of June 30 or a 2,500 chinook quota; reopen again July 1 through the earlier of July 31 or a 1,200 chinook quota, reopen again August 1 through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota, and reopen again September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.
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**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS, (continued)**

May 1	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 30 or a 40,000 chinook quota.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through May 31. The fishery reopens July 3 through 14; and July 18 through September 30.</p> <p>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 30.</p>
May 31	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery is scheduled to reopen June 1 through the earlier of June 30 or a 2,500 chinook quota; reopen again July 1 through the earlier of July 31 or a 1,200 chinook quota, reopen again August 1 through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota, and reopen again September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens July 3 through 14; and July 18 through September 30.</p>
June 1	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of June 30 or a 2,500 chinook quota.</p>
June 20	<p>The U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as the 40,000 chinook quota was approached. The fishery is scheduled to reopen June 26-30 if at least 800 chinook remain on the quota.</p>
June 26	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 30 or a 40,000 chinook quota, with a 50 fish per vessel landing limit for the five day open period.</p>
June 30	<p>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens July 17 through 31; August 11 through 29; and September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>The Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as scheduled. The fishery is scheduled to reopen July 1 through the earlier of July 31 or a 1,200 chinook quota, reopen again August 1 through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota, and reopen again September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p>
July 1	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of July 29 or a 1,200 chinook quota.</p>
July 3	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon fishery opens through the earlier of September 14 or a 24,400 chinook guideline or a 75,000 coho quota; the fishery is open Thursday through Monday with a 75 chinook landing limit per vessel for July 3 through 7 and a 150 chinook landing limit per vessel for subsequent five-day open periods. All coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 14 with a 150 fish per day per vessel landing limit, and a requirement that all fish must be landed within the area and within 24 hours of any closure.</p>
July 14	<p>Horse Mt. to Point Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens July 18 through September 30.</p>
July 16	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens August 1 through 19 and September 1 through October 31</p>
July 17	<p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., Oregon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 31.</p>
July 18	<p>Horse Mt. to Point Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 30 with no special landing limit or area restrictions.</p>

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July 31	<p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., Oregon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens August 11 through 29; and September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Scheduled closure of the Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery.</p>
Aug. 1	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through August 19.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California, border non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota.</p>
Aug. 19	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens September 1 through October 31.</p>
Aug. 29	<p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for two days. The fishery reopens September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as scheduled. The fishery reopens September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p>
Sep. 1	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through October 31.</p> <p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through October 31.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California, border non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota with a 28 inch minimum size limit.</p> <p>Oregon/California border to Humboldt south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of September 30 or a quota of 10,000 chinook.</p>
Sep. 14	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial salmon fishery closes as scheduled.</p>
Sep. 30	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial fishery closes as scheduled.</p> <p>Oregon/California border to Humboldt south jetty, non-Indian commercial fishery closes as scheduled.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p> <p>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p>
Oct. 1	<p>Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens Monday to Friday through October 17.</p>
Oct. 17	<p>Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p>
Oct. 31	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p> <p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p>

**TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS**

May 1	All-salmon-except-coho fisheries open through the earlier of June 30 or a 30,000 chinook quota for the May through June season (any remainder of the quota is not transferable to the July 1 through September 15 season).
June 30	All-salmon-except-coho fisheries close as scheduled.
July 1	All-salmon fisheries open through the earlier of September 15, a 30,000 chinook quota, or a 90,000 coho quota.
Sep. 15	All-salmon commercial fisheries close.

**RECREATIONAL SEASONS**

Feb. 15	Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through November 16.
Mar. 15	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through October 31. The fishery allows retention of adipose fin clipped coho beginning June 21 through the earlier of August 24 or a 88,000 coho quota, then reverts back to all-salmon-except-coho for the remainder of the season.
Mar. 29	Pigeon Pt. to the U.S./Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 28.
Apr. 12	Point Arena to Pigeon Pt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through November 9.
May 17	Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 14.
June 21	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon selective coho fishery opens seven days per week through the earlier of August 24 or a quota of 88,000 coho; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. The fishery reopens for all-salmon-except-coho the earlier of August 25 or the attainment of the coho quota, through October 31.
June 22	U.S./Canada border to Cape Alava, all-salmon fishery opens seven days per week through the earlier of September 14, a 3,900 chinook guideline, or a 23,400 coho quota. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook, plus one additional pink salmon; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.  Cape Alava to Queets River, all-salmon fishery opens seven days per week though the earlier of September 8, a 2,300 chinook guideline, or a 5,750 coho quota. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook, plus one additional pink salmon; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.  Queets River to Leadbetter Pt., all-salmon fishery opens though the earlier of September 14, a 40,600 chinook guideline, or a 83,250 coho quota. Fishery runs Sunday to Thursday through July 25, then seven days per week thereafter. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.
June 29	Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery opens though the earlier of September 30, a 12,700 chinook guideline, or a 112,500 coho quota. Fishery runs Sunday to Thursday through July 24, then seven days per week thereafter. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Closed between Tillamook Head and Cape Falcon beginning August 1.
Aug. 18	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as the 88,000 coho quota is reached.
Aug. 19	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through October 31.

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**RECREATIONAL SEASONS**, (continued)

Sep. 8	U.S./Canada border to Cape Alava, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled. Cape Alava to Queets River, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled. Queets River to Leadbetter Point, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled.
Sep. 14	Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Sep. 20	La Push area (Teahwhit Head to "Q" buoy to Cake Rock east to the shoreline), all-salmon selective coho fishery reopens through the earlier of October 5, a 100 chinook guideline, or a 100 coho quota.
Sep. 28	Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Sep. 30	Scheduled closure of the Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled.
Oct. 5	La Push area, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled.
Oct. 31	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Nov. 9	Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Nov. 16	Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.

a/ Unless stated otherwise, season openings or modifications of restrictions are effective at 0001 hours of the listed date. Closures are effective at midnight.