

PRESEASON SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November. The proposed 2005 process and schedule is contained in Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 1. It follows the same format as in previous years.

For 2005, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2004. The hearings would be:

- March 28, 2005 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 29, 2005 Fort Bragg, California

In 2005, the March Council meeting will occur in Sacramento, California and the April Council meeting in Tacoma, Washington. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Tacoma also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1995 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	Public Attendance									
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Westport	49	30	22	4	18	24	30	11	16	16
Astoria	28	23	16	-	14	-	-	-	-	-
Tillamook	-	-	-	28	-	13	16 ^{2/}	18 ^{2/}	-	-
North Bend/Coos Bay	22	30	27	15	31	36	18	40	26	26
Eureka	30	45	27	16	18	37	12	25	46	-
Ft. Bragg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Sacramento	16	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Moss Landing ^{2/}	-	-	-	100	51	50	33	14	-	-

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2005.

2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

Council Action:

1. **Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.**
2. **Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2005 ocean salmon management measures (Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 1).**

References:

1. Agenda Item D.3.a, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule and Process for Developing 2005 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Approve 2005 Hearing Sites and Management Schedule
- Chuck Tracy

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PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR
DEVELOPING 2005 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Nov. 1-5, 2004 The Council and advisory entities meet at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport, Portland, Oregon to: (1) consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options; (2) adopt the management process and schedule for 2005 ocean salmon fisheries; and (3) consider changes to the opening dates for Oregon commercial and recreational fisheries south of Cape Falcon.
- Jan. 18-21, 2005 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Council staff economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft *Review of 2004 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 7 print date, mailed to the Council February 24, and available to the public March 1.)
- Feb. 8-11 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2005 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2005 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (February 17 print date, mailed to the Council February 24, and available to the public February 28.)
- Feb. 24 through March 6 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options. The Klamath Fishery Management Council completes recommendations for ocean management options affecting Klamath River fall chinook.
- March 1 Council reports summarizing the 2004 salmon season and salmon stock abundance projections for 2005 are available to the public from the Council office.
- March 6-11 Council and advisory entities meet at the Doubletree Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, California to adopt 2005 regulatory options for public review. The Council adopts preliminary options on March 8, tentative options for STT analysis on March 9, and final options for public review on March 11.
- March 14 through April 3 Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are usually scheduled for around March 23-24 (Portland area) and March 29-30 (Seattle area).
- March 22 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2005 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.

- March 28 and 29 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 28); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 28); and Fort Bragg, California (March 29). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 5 in Tacoma, Washington.
- April 3-8 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Washington. The *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2005 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* and information developed at the Council meeting is considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 5. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are scheduled to be completed on April 7.
- April 9-14 The STT completes *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2005 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*.
- April 15-22 Council staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission to NMFS.
- April 22 Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and *Preseason Report III* is made available to the public.
- May 1 NMFS implements federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

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