

**SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY**

Date: March 27, 2006 Location: Chateau Westport Westport, WA Attendance: 26 Testifying: 9	Hearing Officer: Mr. Bob Alverson Other Council Members: Mr. Phil Anderson Mr. Mark Cedergreen Mr. Jim Harp NMFS: Dr. Peter Dygert Coast Guard: Salmon Team Member: Mr. Doug Milward Council Staff: Dr. Kit Dahl
Organizations Represented: Washington Trollers Association, Oregon Trollers Association, Ilwaco Charterboat Association Westport Charterboat Association, Willapa Bay Gillnetters Association	

**Synopsis of Testimony**

Of the 9 people testifying:

- 5 commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- 2 commented primarily on the recreational (charterboat) fishery.
- 2 commented primarily on the gillnet fishery.

**Special Opening Remarks**

Mr. Doug Milward reviewed options for the commercial and sport salmon seasons.

**Commercial Troll Comments**

- Address problems in Klamath River, do not take it out on ocean fishers.
- Favor an option in the Option I-II range with a 75 fish limit for 3-day openers and 100 fish for 4 days; July 15<sup>th</sup> opener; plugs with 4 Chinook limit in the northern area; 2:1 halibut retention ratio
- Consider all-gear proposal for fin-clipped coho.
- Consider trade between sport and troll.
- Consider 2-quota package (as in 1996) if emergency rule implemented.

- Would like more information on Canadian interceptions, particularly Coweeman and Snake River fall; emergency rule process; yelloweye rockfish situation, especially proposed new closed area.
- Would like information on Klamath impacts north of Cape Falcon.
- Mark Klamath fish so ocean fishers can release them; selectively close and open areas to avoid impacts.
- Reduce whiting fishery salmon bycatch and make these fish available to troll fishery.
- Reevaluate September cutoff in Klamath model for assigning spawners to a particular year.

### **Recreational Comments**

- Recognize linkages between south of Cape Falcon fisheries and north of Cape Falcon. Do not allow North of Falcon fisheries to be painted into a corner during the upcoming Council meeting.
- Make unused impacts south of Cape Falcon available to north of Cape Falcon fisheries.

### **Commercial Gillnet Comments**

- Would like opportunity to take surplus (to escapement) fish entering Willapa Bay in gillnet fishery.
- Economic impact study needed on shutdown of summer gillnet fishery in Willapa Bay.
- Washington State fish manager should model impacts of taking surplus fish in Willapa Bay.
- Opposed to sport/troll trade.

### **Written Statements (Attached)**

None.

PFMC  
03/30/06