SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date: November 2, 2006
Location: Hilton Wine Country, Santa Rosa, California

Hearing Officer: Ms. Marija Vojkovich
Other Council Members: Mr. Mark Helvey, NMFS
Salmon Amendment Committee Members: Mr. LB Boydstun; Mr. Allen Grover
Council Staff: Mr. Chuck Tracy

Attendance: 18
Testifying: 6

Organizations Represented: Fort Bragg Salmon Trollers Marketing Association; Ad Hoc Committee; North Coast Consumers Alliance

Opening Remarks

Ms. Marija Vojkovich gave a brief overview of the meeting process and objectives of the amendment.

Mr. LB Boydstun summarized the alternatives and analyses of impacts based on the Executive Summary of the Amendment 15 environmental assessment.

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 6 people testifying:
- 5 commented on the commercial troll fishery.
- None commented on the ocean or river recreational fishery.
- None commented on the tribal fishery
- 1 commented on the broader economic issues associated with the proposed amendment.
- 4 commented on Klamath River water management or freshwater habitat issues.

Of those expressing a preference:
- 3 supported not selecting preferred alternative at this time.
- 1 Supported the 13% Cap Alternative.

Other Comments
- Address juvenile life stage limitations in Klamath River; do not expect fishery restrictions to provide recovery.
- Consider mass marking programs and mark selective Chinook fisheries.
- Use genetic stock identification to manage Klamath River fall Chinook quotas inseason.
- Develop an Environmental Impact Statement and include habitat components in assessment models, like SSRM.
- Council should interact with Water Resources Control Board and other state and local authorities to help solve freshwater habitat problems.

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