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Pacific Fishery Management Council:

Fort Bragg fishermen have been punished far to long. Fort Bragg was one of the largest salmon landing port on the west coast.

With seven fish processors in our harbor. Now we only have one. We have been scapegoats for agency failure to maintain the carrying capacity for the Klamath River

I, would recommend you that you read 4.2 compensations for natural production losses. Page 4-3 of the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan.

4.2 COMPENSATION FOR NATURAL PRODUCTION LOSSES

When ever unavoidable fish population losses occur as a result of various development programs or other action, the Council will recommend compensatory measures that, to the extent practicable, meet the following guidelines:

1. Replacement of losses will be by an equivalent number of fish of the appropriate stock of the same fish species or by habitat capable of producing the equivalent number of fish of the species that suffered the loss.

2. Mitigation or compensation programs will be located in the immediate area of loss.

3. In addition to direct losses of fish production, compensation programs will include consideration of the opportunity to fish and potential unrealized production at the same time of the project.

4. Measures for replacement of runs lost due to construction of water control projects should be completed in advance of, or concurrent with, completion of the project.

The escapements that failed to meet the 35,000 natural spawning in 2004, 2005 & 2006 primarily consisted of fish from the 2000 to 2002 brood years all very high escapement years.

For years 2000 to 2002 Fort Bragg was only allowed 30 days, 51 days & 64 days why?

For Pacific Fishing Management Councils to allow 129 days - 155 days commercial fishing north of the Klamath River management zone is outrageous. Again I, recommend that you read 5.3 allocation page 5-4 Pacific Coast Salmon Plan.

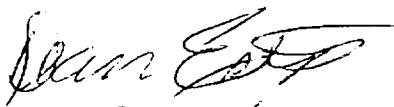
5.3 ALLOCATION

"Conservation and management measures shall not discriminate between residents of different states. If it becomes necessary to allocate or assign fishing privileges among various United States fishermen, such allocation shall be (A) fair and equitable to all such fishermen; (B) reasonably calculated to promote conservation; and (C) carried out in such manner that no particular individual, corporation, or other entity acquires an excessive share of such privileges."

Magnuson-Stevens Act. National Standard 4

To not give us our FULL 5 MONTH SEASON Back is very, very wrong.

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Please distribute this chart
compiled by William Marks of
Fort Bragg to the Council

Ann Maurice
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**Fort Bragg season slashed and catch reduced by 93% in 1990's
but yields NO INCREASE in Klamath run**

	A	B	C	D
1		MONTHS	TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL RUN
2		FISHED	IN THOUSANDS	SIZE
3		FORT BRAGG	FORT BRAGG	KLAMATH
4	YEAR			
5				
6	1981	5	116.6	80.1
7	1982	5	177.2	66.5
8	1983	5	55.9	57.5
9	1984	5	49.8	47.1
10	1985	5	149.6	64.4
11	1986	5	272.4	194.8
12	1987	5	341.2	208.8
13	1988	5	424.7	191.3
14	1989	5	144.2	124
15	1990	5	79.6	35.8
16				
17	TEN YR TOTAL		1811.2	1070.3
18	YEARLY AVERAGE		181.12	107.03
19				
20	1991	2	35.6	32.6
21	1992	0	0	26.7
22	1993	2	19.9	57.2
23	1994	1	5.2	63.9
24	1995	1	8.7	222.7
25	1996	2	22.9	175.7
26	1997	1	3.8	83.7
27	1998	1	2.9	90.06
28	1999	1	2.3	51
29	2000	1	30.8	218
30				
31	TEN YR. TOTAL		132.1	1022.1
32	YEARLY AVERAGE		13.21	102.21
33				
34				
35	2001	1	14.9	187.3
36	2002	2	65.3	160.7
37	2003	4	248.8	191.9
38	2004	3	107.2	79.1
39	2005	1	45.7	65.2
40				
41	FIVE YR TOTAL		481.9	684.2
42	FIVE YR AVERAGE		96.4	136.8
43				
44				
45				

Compiled from:

"Review of 1990 Ocean Salmon Fisheries", Table A-2; "Review of 1998 Ocean Salmon Fisheries", Table A-3, Table B-4; "Review of 2005 Ocean Salmon fisheries", Table A-3, Table B-4; published by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Ste. 200, Portland, OR 97220, (503) 820-2280; (See Appendix attached)

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RE: Salmon Options Agenda Item

To the Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

Last night at the duly noticed public hearing in Santa Rosa I was **unfairly prevented** from giving my oral testimony. The only notice I saw, said simply "2007 Salmon Regulatory Meetings"... "March 27 PFMC Hilton Sonoma Wine Country 3555 Round Barn Blvd Santa Rosa CA 95403 **collect public testimony**". It did **not** specify a particular topic. "Collect public testimony" means **ANY** testimony relevant to the Pacific Ocean and fishing and the PFMC. (see attached)

I spent four hours preparing my testimony and fitting it into a three-minute presentation then drove another four hours round trip to Santa Rosa! I was shocked that the chairman **narrowed the written agenda** and forced me to choose one of the three salmon regulatory options **only** and declared that anything else I wanted to say would not be allowed because it was "Off Agenda". I was not off the agenda I saw, an agenda that was widely distributed! And my testimony was relevant to the choice of fishing options anyway. My testimony, that was cut off, was about oil, natural gas and fish farming interests that are at work on the north coast. The narrowing of the Fort Bragg fishing season per any of the "options" **only** serves to weaken the fishing community economically and politically **without** benefiting the Klamath River runs. The benefit of such weakening serves **only** oil and gas special interests.

Therefore, I am taking additional time to put my testimony in writing and FAXing it to you as quickly as possible and request that it be included in the testimony you distribute to the council prior to the meeting in Washington because my oral testimony was denied.

(The PFMC meeting in Santa Rosa last night was taped, so you can verify the accuracy of my statements)

Ellen Faulkner

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To the Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

Chevron and Texaco have taken over the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) implementation. The Act is supposed to be about conservation and protection...Texaco/Chevron? Conservation? Protection?

I read the Biographic statements for the MLPA Task Force which is running the show. One individual is former chief of staff with Texaco and is now COO (Chief Operations Officer) of the Western States Petroleum Alliance, which I assume is the coalition of all the industry's petroleum and natural gas producers, importers and distributors. This is a member of the Task Force responsible for making recommendations to the Fish and Game Commission regarding placement of "Protected Areas".

Do you think that such a COO, captain of industry is taking time out of her busy corporate schedule to take care of the little fishies? To help the little mom and pop fishing outfits?

You, the PFMC are mandated to set the fishing regulations to preserve and protect Marine Life and determine where and when to fish. What is happening here?

One of the fishermen at the March 26th MLPA meeting in Half Moon Bay, alleged that fishermen gave the Task Force the locations of all the best fishing spots in the South Central Area {Pigeon Point (San Mateo county) to Point Conception (Santa Barbara County)} only to find that it was these high abundance spots that would be taken over as no fishing conservation areas.

Right now Malibu is fighting a proposed enormous and experimental 14-story Natural Gas Port for importing and storing natural gas off their coast. It's 4 times wider than it is high. That's a huge volume of flammable gas. A bomb! If the industry can't get it built near Malibu, where else will they strike? Fort Bragg? Are their meetings a "fishing" expedition, looking for other likely spots to lease?

Speaking of Gas and Oil interests, Chevron/Texaco is connected with the decommissioned oil rig in the Santa Barbara Channel. San Diego's Seaworld is a prime promoter of Fish Farming. They have been responsible for setting up a fish and shellfish farm on that rig. It is considered to be a model project for ocean fish farming.

Another member of the MLPA Task Force is the former Mayor of San Diego, home to Seaworld. How can this individual not promote Seaworld and their projects?

Is this a "conflict of interest"? It's a conflict with our interests! Is it appropriate for people with such corporate special interests or connections to such special interests to be setting up conservation areas? Is this an example of government outsourcing to private industry its responsibilities to the public?

Ellen Faulkner

2007 SALMON REGULATORY MEETINGS

DATE	AGENCY	LOCATION	PURPOSE
February 1-2	Fish and Game Commission (Commission)	Beach Resort Monterey Bayview Conference Room, 2600 Sand Dunes Drive, Monterey, CA, 93940	Initiate State regulatory process and discuss in-river allocation
February 21	Department of Fish and Game (DFG)	Sonoma County Water Agency 404 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Provide 2007 salmon outlook and collect public testimony
February 28	DFG	Humboldt Area Foundation 373 Indianola Rd Bayside, CA, 95524	Provide 2007 salmon outlook and collect public testimony
March 1-2	Commission	Humboldt State University, Nelson Hall West Goodwin Forum, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA, 95521	Collect public testimony on State regulatory actions and finalize in-river allocation
March 5-9	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)	Doubletree Hotel Sacramento 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA, 95815	Develop Federal regulatory options and collect public testimony
March 27	PFMC	Hilton Sonoma Wine Country 3555 Round Barn Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403	Collect public testimony
April 2-6	PFMC	Seattle Marriott Hotel, Sea Tac 3201 S. 176th Street, Seattle, WA, 98188	Adopt final Federal regulations
April 12-13	Commission	Bodega Bay Marine Laboratory Lecture Hall, 2099 Westside Rd., Bodega Bay, CA, 94923	Adopt final State regulations

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