

SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 30, 2015	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Kyle Adicks
Location:	Chateau Westport Westport, WA	Other Council Members:	None
Attendance:	23	NMFS:	Mr. Jeromy Jording
Testifying:	4	Coast Guard:	LCDR Torrey Bertheau
		Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Doug Milward
		Council Staff:	Dr. Kit Dahl
Organizations Represented: Washington Trollers Association, Coastal Trollers Association, Westport Charter Boat Association, Puget Sound Anglers / Ocean Anglers			

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Kyle Adicks provided an overview and Mr. Doug Milward reviewed the Alternatives for the commercial and sport salmon seasons.

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the four people testifying:

- Two commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Two commented primarily on the recreational fishery.

Commercial Troll Comments

- Both supported Alternative 1 Chinook and coho quota levels for the non-Indian North of Cape Falcon salmon troll fishery
- Both supported the change from 96 hours to 48 hours for applicability of minimum size and possession/landing limit related to closures (Preseason II, Section C.1)
- Both supported an Area 1 trigger/cap for lower Columbia River tule impacts
- One supported an exemption for salmon trollers from any increase in vessel monitoring system ping rates
- One supported the 2014 level for management constraints for incidental halibut in the troll fishery
- Both voiced concern about the effects of weak stock management (Puget Sound, Thompson, Queets, etc.) on the ability to access the Chinook quota

Recreational Comments

- Both supported Alternative 1 coho and chinook quota levels for the North of Cape Falcon recreational fishery and the seven day a week opening
- One stated that inseason management changes should not be made at the expense of a longer, meaningful ocean fishery lasting into September
- One stated that inseason management changes should not be at the expense of Columbia River fisheries
- One expressed concern about the effect of Puget Sound impacts on the ocean fishery

Written Statements (Attached)

None.

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