

SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 25, 2013	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Jeff Feldner
Location:	Coos Bay Red Lion Coos Bay OR	NMFS:	Ms. Peggy Mundy
Attendance:	25	Coast Guard:	LCDR Andy Hawthorne
Testifying:	7	Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Craig Foster
		Council Staff:	Mr. Mike Burner
Organizations Represented: Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition, Oregon Salmon Commission,			

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Craig Foster reviewed Alternatives for the commercial and sport salmon seasons, and Alternatives for incidental halibut retention in the salmon troll fishery.

Ms. Peggy Mundy spoke to the new, April 1, 2014 start date for incidental halibut retention and reminded the group that the permit application deadline for 2014 will also be earlier, likely mid-March 2014.

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the seven people testifying:

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

Commercial Troll Comments

- Four supported Alternative I for the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. fishery.
- Two supported Alternative I for the Oregon KMZ fishery with the addition of the September quota fishery listed under Alternative III.
- Two spoke in favor of a consistent season opening date of March 15.
- Two supported a September landing limit of 100 fish per week for the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. fishery.
- One supported Oregon state-waters fisheries in the Coos and Coquille areas if there were no September fishery and requested that the Council revisit the existing coho sharing plan between recreational and commercial fisheries as well as the issue of incidental groundfish retention in the salmon troll fishery.

Recreational Comments

- One supported Alternative I for the Oregon KMZ fishery and the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. fishery.
- One supported Alternative I for the Oregon KMZ fishery.
- One expressed concern about the amount of release mortality in mark-selective fisheries and recommended going to an all retention fishery.

Other Comments

- Two supported incidental halibut retention Alternative III.

Written Statements (Attached)

None submitted at the hearing.

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