

SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES HEARING SUMMARY

<p>Date: March 26, 2013</p> <p>Location: Red Lion Hotel Eureka, CA</p> <p>Attendance: 28</p> <p>Testifying: 13</p>	<p>Hearing Officer: Mr. David Crabbe</p> <p>Other Council Members:</p> <p>NMFS: Ms. Heidi Taylor</p> <p>Coast Guard: CWO Curt Barthel</p> <p>Salmon Technical Team: Mr. James Phillips (CDFW alternate)</p> <p>Council Staff: Mr. Mike Burner</p>
<p><u>Organizations Represented:</u> Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition; Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers; Trinity River Guides Association; Salmon Trollers Marketing Association; Humboldt Fishermen Marketing Association Humboldt Bay Harbor, Del Norte County Fishermen’s Marketing Association, Crescent City Harbor Supervisors, Trinidad Marketing Association.</p>	

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. James Phillips provided a summary of the recreational and commercial Alternatives.

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 13 people testifying:

- Seven commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Five commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- One commented on both recreational and commercial fisheries

Commercial Troll Comments

- All supported Alternative II.
- Two requested the Council revisit the closure from the Humboldt South Jetty to Horse Mountain and consider alternative closed areas based on recent data.

Recreational Comments

- All supported Alternative I for ocean fisheries and one supported Alternative II for inriver recreational fisheries.
- Two supported consistent size limits north of Point Arena.
- One spoke in opposition to size limits over 20 inches citing release mortality concerns.

Other Comments

- One requested the Council consider adding a seat to the Salmon Advisory Subpanel representing the Klamath Basin inriver recreational fishery.

Written Statements (Attached)

- Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc.
- David Helliwell
- Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers, Inc.

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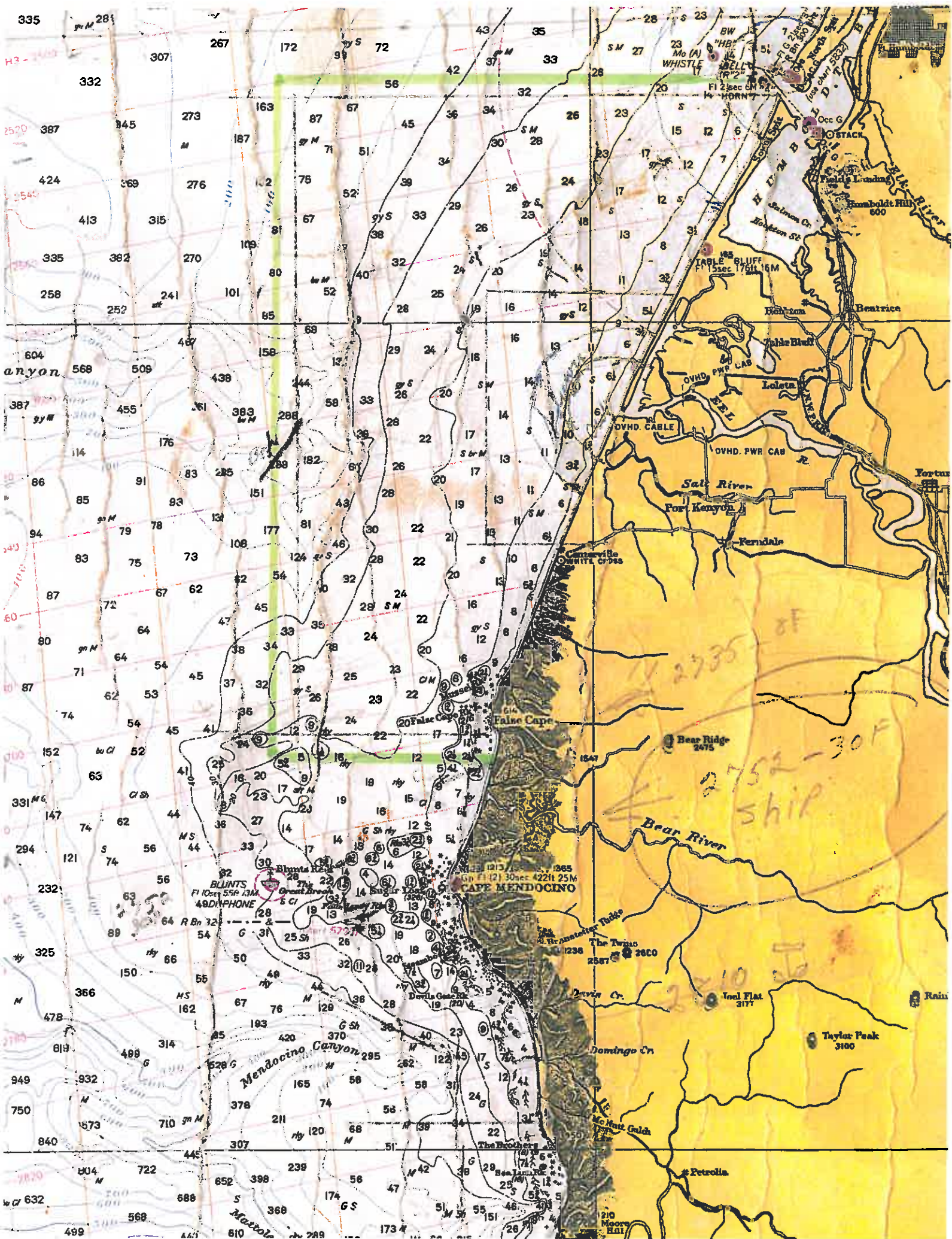
To the Pacific Fishery Management Council:

I would ask the council to take another look at the closure from Humboldt Bay South Jetty to Horse Mt. This closure has been in effect since before 2001. It occurs to me the criteria for its implementation may no longer be valid. My understanding is it was put in effect to protect coastal falls and it only affected Sept. fishing since there hasn't been any other fishing in the zone for a very long time. If it was put in to address a fall fishery when coastal falls could be expected to be present then its application to May, June and July may not be appropriate.

Considerably more data is now available to determine the applicability of a fishery below Humboldt Bay South Jetty than was available when the closure was implemented. Additionally since that time everybody involved in this process knows the recent returns to the Eel have been exceptional even if the studies have not as yet been blessed. Given the changed circumstances I would ask the council to revisit this closure during these more optimistic times with an eye to creating some fishing time on currently abundant stocks. To give one idea on how this might be approached I have brought a local chart delineating a square around the Eel river mouth that would give the same protection south and west of the river as has been considered adequate to the north

Additionally I would ask that another look be taken at the expected share of four year old Klamath fish to the 3000 fish proposed for a May fishery in the zone. The idea that 1,987 of these 3,000 fish will be Klamath four year olds is a difficult swallow.

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HUMBOLDT AREA SALTWATER ANGLERS, INC.

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Dear Council Members and Staff,

Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers (HASA) encourages the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) to support Alternative I for the 2013 recreational fishery within the California Klamath Management Zone (KMZ).

All three alternatives have been modeled with their respective recreational and commercial counterparts and all currently meet the minimum escapement goals. Alternative I however is the most desirable. It provides the most opportunity for recreational anglers and provides the largest economic benefit to the coastal communities within the CA KMZ with the season opening on May 1st. Only Alternative I specifies a 20" size limit with Alternatives II & III specifying a 24" size limit. The 20" limit is consistent with Alternatives I, II, & III within the Ft. Bragg zone immediately to the south. This consistency within California north of Pt. Arena is desirable for enforcement and regulation simplification. Additionally the 20" size limit in Alternative I, with a longer season, has a lesser impact than Alternative II upon the four year old Coastal Chinook stocks allowing for additional fishing opportunities outside of the KMZ.

HASA believes that, given the current forecasts, Recreational Alternative I represents the wisest choice for the 2013 CA KMZ season and urges the PFMC to select this alternative.

Thank you,



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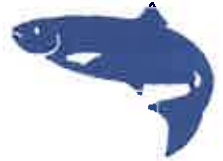
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Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association Board of Directors would like to go on record endorsing the **Option 2** alternative which allows a limited monthly fishery in the Klamath Management Zone for the 2013 season.

While we support this option we would ask that the Council revisit the forecast for the **Age 4** Klamath River Chinook contribution during the **Option 2** fishery. There appears to be a significant difference between model forecast numbers and G.S.I sample numbers for the Klamath Management Zone during the summer months.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Bates', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Bates
For Humboldt Fishermen's marketing Assoc.
Board of Directors