

Subject: Salmon Management
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To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov
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Regarding C.2.c Supplemental SAS Report

Dear Mr. Mike Burner,

I am an avid Salmon fisherman. I have been an active Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) volunteer for years. I have attended the PFMC public meetings in Coos Bay for the last several years. I would like to comment regarding the non-mark-selective coho season, South of Cape Falcon, Page 4, Table 2, Preseason Report II, March 2013. The proposed alternatives would start the season on September 1, Sunday of Labor Day weekend. It would be better for all recreational fishermen, if the season started on August 31. This is the end of the summer season, a three day weekend to get the family and children out one last time before school starts up. More fishermen will be drawn to the coast knowing that they can keep coho salmon that they catch. Starting the season on Saturday will bring more fishermen and help the coastal economy. Many fishermen aren't as up-to-date as they should be regarding fishing regulations. I see a lot of opportunity for unnecessary citations on Saturday for retention of coho salmon. There are more fishermen on the coast on Labor Day weekend than any other. I'd like to see everyone have a good time, help the local businesses and go home happy!

I'd like to also comment on the mark-selective coho season. This season would end on July 31 or when the quota is met. I would prefer the season controlled by the quota. I will still be catching marked coho's after July 31, even though I'm targeting Chinook Salmon. Hatchery fish are raised to be caught, fishermen should be allowed to retain them.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely yours,
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