

SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 24, 2014	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Pat Pattillo
Location:	Chateau Westport Westport, WA	Other Council Members:	Mr. Dale Myer
Attendance:	26	NMFS:	Ms. Amilee Wilson
Testifying:	11	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			

Special Opening Remarks

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

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 11 people testifying:

- Eight commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Three commented primarily on the recreational fishery.

Commercial Troll Comments

- Five supported Alternative 1 Chinook and coho quota levels for the non-Indian North of Cape Falcon salmon troll fishery
- Three supported Alternative 1 for Pacific halibut landing limits in the non-Indian salmon troll fishery (1 halibut per 3 salmon, 15 halibut limit)
- Three supported having an opportunity for a non-mark selective coho fishery late in the season
- Four asked that a procedure be established to allow anchoring behind Destruction Island during bad weather, which is normally prohibited when fish caught south of the Queets River are onboard
- Three supported keeping Areas 3 and 4 open until quota runs out with no measures (trip limits) to lengthen the season
- One supported the Alternative 3 provision of no cap on Areas 3 and 4
- One asked for a small retention allowance for non-mark selective coho throughout the summer to reduce bycatch mortality

- Other comments: The spring fishery is very important; Limit inseason adjustments in the spring fishery; Support the two-thirds, one-third spring-summer split for Chinook; Exempt salmon troll from the VMS requirement or no increase in ping rate; Council should address the Caspian tern and cormorant problem with salmon mortality in the Lower Columbia

Recreational Comments

- Three supported Alternative 1 coho and chinook quota levels for the North of Cape Falcon recreational fishery
- Two supported having an opportunity for a non-mark selective coho fishery North of Cape Falcon late in the season
- Two supported a May 31 opening, 7 days a week, Chinook only (2 fish bag)
- One supported a two-week mark-selective chinook fishery with a June 14 opening for the all species fishery for the Queets to Leadbetter area

Written Statements (Attached)

None

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