

**SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES HEARING SUMMARY**

Date: March 24, 2014	Hearing Officer: Mr. Jeff Feldner
Location: Coos Bay Red Lion Coos Bay OR	
Attendance: 14	NMFS: Mr. Lance Kruzic Coast Guard: LT Anna Steel
Testifying: 7	Salmon Team Member: Mr. Craig Foster Council Staff: Mr. Mike Burner
Organizations Represented: Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition, Oregon South Coast Fishermen.	

**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.

**Synopsis of Testimony**

Of the seven people testifying:

- Six commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- One commented on both the commercial and the recreational fishery.

**Commercial Troll Comments**

- Five supported Alternative I for the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. fishery through August, but were not supportive of the September and October area closures south of the Florence S. Jetty in Alternative I or Cape Arago in Alternative II. If restrictions were necessary for September and October they supported using the smaller landing limit of 50 Chinook in Alternative III rather than area closures. One supported a landing limit of 50 Chinook in September and a 75 Chinook landing limit in October.
- One supported Alternative I for the Oregon KMZ fishery and suggested that the June and July openings match those in the Ft. Bragg and Cape Falcon to Humbug fisheries if possible to avoid effort shift.

## **Recreational Comments**

- One, representing the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition and the Oregon South Coast Fisherman supported Alternative I for the Oregon KMZ fishery and expressed concern about the large Chinook quotas in September in the commercial California KMZ fishery because of the potential to impact opportunities for fisheries in 2015 across sectors. Therefore, the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition supported California KMZ commercial Alternative III.

## **Other Comments**

- Two supported incidental halibut retention Alternative II and one supported Alternative III.
- Two requested broader notification of the meetings via the media.

## **Written Statements (Attached)**

None submitted at the hearing.

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