

IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND PRELIMINARY DEFINITION OF 2014 SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

Using the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) management recommendations as a base, the Council should identify the range of management elements in the alternatives for public review (harvest ranges, special restrictions, and basic season structure). The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will attempt to collate the Council's identified management elements into coordinated coastwide alternatives. The collated alternatives will be returned to the Council for review and any further direction on Monday, March 10, 2014, followed by STT analysis and final adoption of the alternatives on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 1 provides guidance for developing and assessing the alternatives.

Any alternative considered for adoption that deviates from Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) objectives will require implementation by emergency rule. If an emergency rule appears to be necessary, the Council must clearly identify and justify the need for such an action consistent with emergency criteria established by the Council (Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 2) and National Marine Fisheries Service (Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 3).

Before defining the alternatives, the Council should be briefed on any pertinent management constraints resulting from: actions by the Pacific Salmon Commission; action by the California Fish and Game Commission to set the allocation of Klamath River fall Chinook or Sacramento River fall Chinook for the inside recreational fisheries; and National Marine Fisheries Service constraints for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The Council may also want to consider recommendations for inseason action to modify fisheries that may open prior to May 1, 2014, as impacts accrued in these fisheries may affect opportunity in summer fisheries. Currently, the Oregon commercial fishery from Cape Falcon to the Oregon/California border and the Oregon recreational fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. are scheduled to open March 15, 2014. The California commercial fishery from Horse Mountain to Point Arena is scheduled to open April 16-30, 2014, and the California recreational fisheries from Horse Mt. to the U.S./Mexico border are scheduled to open April 6, 2014.

Additionally, under the new Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut (see Agenda Item G.2), incidental halibut retention in commercial salmon troll fisheries will begin April 1 rather than the previous May 1 start date. To accommodate this change, the Council may discuss changes to incidental Pacific halibut retention when considering 2014 regulations for fisheries opening prior to May 1, 2014.

Council Task:

- 1. Using the SAS proposals and other agency and public input, define basic management elements and alternatives for STT collation into coastwide management alternatives.**
- 2. Consider the need for inseason action to address salmon fisheries opening prior to May 1, 2014.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 1: Guidance for Alternative Development and Assessment.
2. Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 2: Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP.
3. Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 3: FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules.
4. Agenda Item F.2.c, Supplemental SAS Report: SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Alternatives for 2014 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Adopt Council Recommendations for Initial Alternatives for Salmon
Technical Team Collation and Description
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