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Subject: Coho Salmon Fishing Regulations 2014  
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Dear PFMC Council Members,

I am a recreational fisherman and Oregon STEP volunteer. I have attended the PFMC Public meeting held in Coos Bay in March for the last four years. Every year I make the same recommendation. I and most fishermen that I talk to would prefer a change in the regulations for harvesting Coho. I would prefer one season July through September where you are allowed to keep one unmarked Coho per day, that would be your daily limit of salmon. Once you have filled out your harvest tag, you are finished fishing for that day. Most of us are sportsman and would be happy to take that one fish and call it a day. There have been many days that I have caught six to eight Coho and gone home with no fish. Even though I try to avoid catching Coho, I catch them down in one hundred feet of water. Regarding marked Coho and Chinook Salmon, they would count toward the normal two salmon limit (assuming there is one in 2014). So, if you caught a marked Coho first and keep it, you are done for the day. This would reduce the mortality of catch and release Coho fishing. The PFMC can protect from over-harvesting by setting the appropriate quota. I feel a regulation change as described would be an improvement over the past regulations, conserve endangered COHO Salmon and be welcomed by fishermen. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,  
Steve Godin

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