

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date: March 29, 2010	Hearing Officer: Mr. Rod Moore
Location: Coos Bay Red Lion Coos Bay OR	
Attendance: 60	NMFS: Ms. Peggy Busby Coast Guard: Lt Lyle Kessler
Testifying: 18	Salmon Team Member: Mr. Craig Foster Council Staff: Mr. Chuck Tracy
Organizations Represented: Oregon Alliance for Sustainable Fishery Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition	

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 18 people testifying:

- 7 commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- 7 commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- 4 commented on other aspects of the options

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Craig Foster reviewed options for the commercial and sport salmon seasons.

Commercial Troll Comments

- 4 supported Option I for Central Oregon
- 2 supported Option II for Central Oregon.

- 1 supported Option I for the KMZ
- 1 supported Option I with increased quotas of 3,000 in June, 2,500 in July, and 3,000 in August, with 30 fish per day and 100 fish per calendar week landing limits from May through August.

Recreational Comments

- 3 supported Option I for central Oregon
- 3 supported Option II for the KMZ
- 1 recommended the coho season in the KMZ open June 16 to align with the Chinook retention fishery.

Other Comments

- 4 opposed any form of mark-selective-fishery.
- 1 expressed concern about consumption of salmon by marine mammals.
- 2 requested leniency from the Coast Guard on safety inspections.
- 1 expressed concern about the reliability of the Sacramento River fall Chinook forecast.
- I supported an incidental halibut retention regulation of one halibut plus one halibut for every two Chinook with a maximum of 35 halibut per trip.

Written Statements (Attached)

- John Fraser
- Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition

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OPTION 1

Humbug Mt. To OR/CA border (Oregon KMZ)

July 1st to August 31st

All salmon except Coho. Chinook 28 inch total length minimum size limit. Landing and possession limit of 30 fish per vessel per day and 100 Chinook per calendar week, or all 100 Chinook in one day and than vessel is done for calendar week.

OPTION II

Humbug Mt. To OR/CA border (Oregon KMZ)

May 1st to May 31st

June 1st through June 30, or a 3000 Chinook quota

July 1st through July 31st, or a 2500 Chinook quota

August 1st through August 31st, or a 3000 Chinook quota

All salmon except Coho. Chinook 28 inch total length minimum size limit. Landing and possession limit of 30 fish per vessel per day and 100 Chinook per calendar week. Or all 100 Chinook in one day and vessel done for calendar week.

OPTION III

Humbug Mt. To OR/CA border (Oregon KMZ)

May 1st to May 31st

June 1st through June 30, or a 3500 Chinook quota

July 1st through July 31st, or a 1500 Chinook quota

August 1st through August 31st, or a 3500 Chinook quota

All salmon except Coho. Chinook 28 inch total length minimum size. Landing and possession limit of 30 fish per vessel per day and 100 Chinook per calendar week, or all 100 Chinook in one day and vessel done for week.

OPTION IV

Humbug Mt to OR/CA border (Oregon KMZ)

May 1st to May 31st

June 1st through June 30, or a 4000 Chinook quota

July no Chinook

August 1st through August 31 4000 Chinook quota

All salmon except Coho. Chinook 28 inch total length minimum size. Landing and possession limit of 30 fish per vessel per day and 100 Chinook per calendar week. Or all 100 Chinook in one day and vessel done for week.

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Dear Sirs;

March 29, 2010

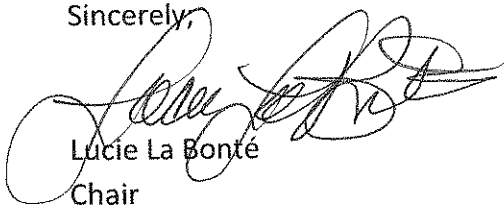
My name is Lucie La Bonté, PO Box 1521, Gold Beach Oregon. I am presently Chair of the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition. The Coalition represents Curry, Del Norte and Humboldt counties, ports, cities, chambers, tribes and citizens within the Klamath Management Zone. We are the only transboundary coalition working for ocean salmon seasons in the KMZ.

At the March 19th, 2010 meeting of the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition, the membership voted unanimously to support Option 2 for the recreational Chinook 2010 ocean salmon season in both the Oregon and California portions of the Klamath Management Zone. We also voted to support Option 2 for the Coho salmon season in the Oregon portion of the Klamath Management Zone but would prefer that the dates coincide with the Chinook ocean salmon season.

We took no position on the commercial ocean salmon season but support what the majority of the commercial fishermen prefer in the KMZ.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak and the opportunity to fish.

Sincerely,



Lucie La Bonté
Chair

Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition