PRESEASON SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

The following schedule will be used to plan, announce, and meet Federal Register deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire 2010 preseason salmon management process.

For 2010, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2009. The hearings would be:

March 29, 2010  Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
March 30, 2010  Eureka, California

In 2010, the March Council meeting will occur in Sacramento, California and the April Council meeting in Portland, Oregon. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Portland also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1996 for Council reference.

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Explanation:
1/ These numbers represent the total attendance at each hearing site since 1996.
2/ These attendance numbers are not representative of all years due to various factors such as staffing, weather, etc.
PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING 2010 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Oct-30-Nov 5, 2009  The Council and advisory entities meet at the Hilton Orange County, Costa Mesa, California, to consider any changes to conservation objectives or methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options.

Jan. 19-22, 2010  The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and NMFS economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft Review of 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 9 print date, available on-line February 12.)

Feb. 16-19  STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2010 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options (February 24 print date, February 25 mailed to the Council and available on-line).

Feb. 20 through Mar. 5  State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.

Feb. 25  Council reports summarizing the 2009 salmon season and salmon stock abundance projections for 2010 are available to the public from the Council office.

Mar. 6-11  Council and advisory entities meet at the DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento, California, to adopt 2010 regulatory options for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts preliminary options on March 8, adopts tentative options for STT analysis on March 9, and final options for public review on March 11.


Mar. 17 through Apr. 8  Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are scheduled for March 17-18 in Lacy, Washington and April 6-8 in Lynwood, Washington.

Mar. 23  Council staff distributes Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.
Mar. 29-30  Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 29); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 29); and Eureka, California (March 30). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 12 in Portland, Oregon.

Apr. 10-15  Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and information developed at the Council meeting is considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 12. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are tentatively scheduled to be completed on April 14.


Apr. 23  Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and Preseason Report III is made available to the public.

May 1  NMFS implements federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

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