

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPOSED APRIL 1 OPENER FOR OREGON
TROLL AND RECREATIONAL CHINOOK FISHERIES FROM CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MOUNTAIN

Beginning in 1997, chinook directed fisheries from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain opened during April. In 1997 and 1998 the opening date was April 15, and in 1999 the opening date was April 1. Chinook catches during these April fisheries were 4,500; 20,000; and 800 in 1997, 1998, and 1999 respectively. Recreational catch and effort during April fisheries has been extremely low with combined 1997 through 1999 landings of less than 50 fish.

The opening date of April 1 is again proposed for 2000 for both the commercial troll and recreational fisheries from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. All gear and bag limits would remain the same as 1999. Additionally, the control zone at the mouth of Tillamook Bay would be subject to closure under state regulations.

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