

PRELIMINARY DEFINITION OF 2000 MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Situation: Using the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) management recommendations as a base, the Council should identify the range of management elements in the options 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 options. The collated options will be returned to the Council for review and tentative adoption on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 followed by STT analysis and final adoption of the options on Friday, March 10, 2000. Attachment B.4.a. provides guidance for developing and assessing the options.

Before defining the options, the Council should be briefed on any pertinent management constraints resulting from: actions by the Pacific Salmon Commission, recommendations of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, action by the California Fish and Game Commission to set the allocation of Klamath River fall chinook for the inside recreational fishery, and constraints for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act. Recently developed jeopardy standards should be available by meeting time for the newly listed stocks which have Council fishery impacts (i.e., Central Valley spring, California coastal, lower Columbia River, and Puget Sound chinook stocks). In addition, by inseason action, NMFS made federal regulations consistent with California state regulations by delaying the year 2000 opening of the California recreational seasons south of Point Arena by approximately two weeks. This change was made to help reduce impacts on threatened Sacramento River spring chinook.

Any option considered for adoption which deviates from 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 (Attachment B.4.b.).

One public comment letter on the 2000 salmon season was received at the Council office in time for inclusion in the briefing book (Public Comment B.4.). The letter, from Oregon Trout, opposes any fisheries off Oregon that target coho salmon.

Council Action: Using the SAS proposals and other agency and public input, define basic management elements and alternatives for STT collation into coastwide management options.

Reference Materials:

1. Guidance for Option Development and Assessment (Attachment B.4.a.).
2. Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP (Attachment B.4.b.).
3. Public Comment B.4.
4. SAS proposed options (Supplemental SAS Report B.4.).

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