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Donald O. McIsaac, Ph.D  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
2130 S. W. Fifth Av., Suite 224  
Portland, OR 97201

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Re: 2000 Ocean Salmon Seasons

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Dear Dr. McIsaac:

Oregon Trout opposes any ocean fisheries off the coast of Oregon this year that target coho salmon. Because of the fact that the last three brood years of OCN coho stocks have failed to replace themselves, we do not believe that any fishery that could adversely impact these stocks is warranted.

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council has an obligation to be a leader in efforts to recover federally listed coho salmon. Allowing any harvest impacts on these stocks, considering their present dire circumstances, would be contrary to your conservation mandate.

Oregon Trout believes that the current situation warrants a complete suspension of all ocean fisheries targeting coho salmon. We also believe that any future coho fishery should be constructed around terminal fisheries that harvest only hatchery produced salmon.

Sincerely,

Jim Myron  
Conservation Director

Cc: Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission

