

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 28, 2000	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Burnie Bohn
Location:	Shilo Inn Tillamook, OR	Other Council Members:	None
Attendance:	13	NMFS:	Mr. Chris Wright
Testifying:	10	Coast Guard:	LT Brian Corrigan
		Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Curt Melcher
		Council Staff:	Mr. Jim Seger
Organizations Represented: Pacific City Dorymen's Association			

**Synopsis of Testimony**

Of the 10 people testifying:

- Five commented primarily on the commercial fishery.
- One commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- Four commented on both recreational and commercial fisheries.

**Commercial Troll Comments**

The trollers and the Pacific City Dorymen's Association supported Troll Option I north and south of Cape Falcon and a chinook to halibut ratio of 2:1 with a maximum landing limit of 50. In general, trollers at this hearing were disconcerted with recent year north of Cape Falcon fisheries, because they had not extended far enough south to benefit small trollers along the northern Oregon coast. Valuable scientific data could be acquired with a fishery off northern Oregon. Trollers opposed trading troll coho for recreational chinook. They favored maintaining the coho to support a summer all species fishery. The July fishery was supported, because weather is better and fish come in closer to the beach. There was also support for restricting the fishery to the area between Cape Falcon and Point Leadbetter and for moving the management line to Tillamook Head. For the south of Cape Falcon fisheries, the Council intent should be maintained to share Klamath impacts 50/50 between Oregon and California fisheries. The California Department of Fish and Game has shown little flexibility to the California troll industry by refusing to reduce the California recreational fishery and put the impacts into the troll fishery. It is usually up to Oregon to give up time so the California troll fishery can fish. One troller offered to carry an observer. Another troller stressed the importance of bringing the stocks back to healthy conditions before taking too many fish.

The following are some specific suggestions made for adjusting the Troll season options: (1) forego the August Sisters Rock to Mack Arch fishery in favor of a Sisters Rock to Oregon/California border fishery with all landings to occur in Gold Beach, Port Orford, or Brookings; and (2) change the Humbug Mountain to Oregon/California border May opening to a quota fishery (with the appropriate quota) opening May 1 through May 29 with a two-day closure at the end of May to determine the amount of fish taken and carry over any left over quota to a June 1 opening with appropriate adjustments for differences in Klamath impact rates.

One processor testified that allowing trollers to take the halibut as bycatch provides a steady supply to go to the fresh market along with salmon. A marina owner testified that local fresh fish availability brings people into small towns.

**Recreational Comments**

Support for recreational Option I (1 recreational fisher, 2 trollers, a marina owner, and the Pacific City Dorymen's Association). The selective recreational fishery brought substantial benefits to Pacific City and while only a few fish were caught, many people came into Garibaldi. Most coho are still south by the time the selective fishery closes at the end of July. It would be good to keep the selective fishery open until Oregon Coastal Natural coho began showing up.

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