

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date: March 27, 2000	Hearing Officer: Mr. Roger Thomas
Location: Flamingo Resort Hotel and Conference Center, Santa Rosa, CA	Other Council Members: Mr. LB Boydston
Attendance: 4	NMFS: Mr. Dan Viele
Testifying: 3	Coast Guard: LT Ken Szeto ENS Ken Baltze
	Salmon Team Member: Mr. Allen Grover
	Council Staff: Dr. Don McIsaac
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Fishermen's Marketing Association of Bodega Bay Golden Gate Fishermen's Association	

**Synopsis of Testimony**

Of the 3 people testifying:

- One spoke primarily about the recreational fishery.
- Two spoke primarily about the commercial fishery.

**Commercial Troll Comments**

Testimony supported Option II and objected to a 50:50 split on Klamath fall chinook impacts between California and Oregon fisheries outside the Klamath Management Zone as unfair to the California fleet, since the Oregon fleet has only about half as many boats as the California fleet.

Testimony also spoke to the need for a closure around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for the Bodega Bay Test Fishery, but did not support the two-day closure proposed by the California Department of Fish and Game. The preference of the testimony was for only a one-day closure on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Recreational Comments**

Testimony supported Option II, and strongly opposed Options I and III. Testimony also commented on the poor information base upon which coho impact estimates are being made, particularly with regard to the opportunity foregone as a result of uncertain information.

**Written Statements**

1. March 28, 2000 letter from Mr. Dave Bitts to Mr. Jim Lone.
2. March 27, 2000 fax from Mr. Larry Miyamura to the Council via Mr. Chuck Wise.

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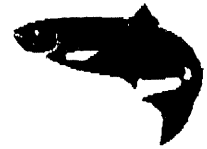
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March 28, 2000

Mr. Jim Lone, Chair  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council

Dear Mr. Lone:

I would like to propose the following amendment to Option 2 of the March 2000 ocean salmon option package, to be considered if Klamath impacts available to ocean fisheries are otherwise unused, and subject to OCN coho and coastal fall chinook constraints:

CA/OR border to Humboldt south jetty:

open Aug. 16-31 or attainment of 2000 fish quota, chinook only, 30 fish landing and possession limit, 26" minimum size.

I believe this is the same as an opening we had in 1996, and thus should be consistent with the constraints on coastal fall chinook; I believe there is a minor OCN coho impact which will have to be accounted for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Bitts".

Dave Bitts

Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, this is the testimony of Larry Miyamura in regards to the proposed troll options for Horse Mountain to the Mexican border. Option II should be your choice. Voting for the 'Oregon Friendly Option' – Option I, would legitimize Bernie's political ploy of holding RK Coho hostage in exchange for a more liberal OCN percentage. What he's saying is that if Oregon can't play with it's toys, they don't want California to be able to play either. Are you going to determine our troll season politically, or scientifically. Option II conserves more OCN and Klamath stocks and should be the choice over Option I.

Thank you.