

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 28, 2000	Hearing Officer:	Mr. LB Bovdstun
Location:	Moss Landing Community Center, Moss Landing, CA	Other Council Members:	Mr. Roger Thomas
Attendance:	50	NMFS:	Mr. Dan Viele
Testifying:	12	Coast Guard:	None
		Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Allen Grover
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Moss Landing Chamber of Commerce Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations Golden Gate Fishermen's Associations			

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 12 people testifying:

- Three represented or commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- Nine represented or commented primarily on the commercial fishery.

Commercial Troll Comments

- All speakers were in favor of troll Option II.
- Two speakers recommended moving the September closure south of Pedro Point to August.
- One speaker asked that any extra Klamath impacts be applied to San Francisco in May.
- One speaker asked that any extra Klamath impacts be moved to Fort Bragg.
- One speaker recommended that any extra Klamath impacts be moved to the Klamath Management Zone during August.
- One speaker recommended the Bodega Bay test fishery closure be limited to July 4.
- One speaker suggested opening the San Francisco area May 1 rather than later in the month.
- The entire West Coast should be opened to commercial fishing, because the fleet is so small.
- Pinniped problems can be minimized by retaining the mid-August to mid-September closure.
- Landing of 26-inch fish should be allowed after June 30.

Recreational Comments

- All speakers were in favor of sport Option II.
- Two speakers favored an earlier opening date in the Monterey area.

Other Testimony

- One speaker commented that 50/50 sharing of Klamath chinook is not fair.
- There are good signs of recovery of winter and spring chinook.
- Tougher timber harvest rules are needed.
- Hatchery operations need to be reviewed in the context of native salmon recovery.
- Demand for troll-caught chinook is increasing.

No Written Statements Were Submitted at the Hearing

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