

Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management, January through August 31, 2000.^{1/} (page 1 of 3)

GENERAL MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND INSEASON CONFERENCES

- Feb. 8 National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) inseason conference number one results in delayed openings of the recreational fisheries south of Pt. Arena, California, to help reduce impacts on endangered Sacramento River winter and threatened Central Valley spring chinook. Between Pt. Arena and Pigeon Pt., the season opening is delayed from Apr. 1 to Apr. 15. South of Pigeon Pt., the season opens Apr. 1 rather than Mar. 18.
- Mar. 7 NMFS provides the Council with a letter outlining the 2000 management guidance for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Council adopts three troll and three recreational ocean salmon fishery management options for public review.
- NMFS inseason conference number two (at the Council meeting) results in two Council recommendations which are implemented by NMFS (1) open the commercial and recreational fisheries off Oregon from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. on April 1 for all salmon except coho and (2) do not open commercial test fisheries off California in Apr. south of Pillar Pt. due to concern for impacts on ESA listed salmon stocks.
- Mar. 15-16 North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Portland, Oregon to initiate consideration of recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
- Mar. 27-28 Council holds public hearings on proposed 2000 management options in five locations within the three Pacific Coast states. In addition, the state of California holds an additional hearing in Moss Landing.
- Mar. 28-30 North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Tukwila, Washington to further consider recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
- Apr. 6 Council adopts final ocean salmon fishery management recommendations for approval and implementation by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The proposed measures include selective fisheries and comply with the salmon fishery management plan (FMP) and the current biological opinions for listed species. An emergency rule is not required for implementation.
- May 1 Ocean salmon seasons implemented as recommended by the Council and published in the *Federal Register* on May 5 (65 FR 26138).
- Jun. 6 NMFS inseason conference number three results in a proposed closure of the May/June, non-Indian troll fishery north of Cape Falcon on June 9 as the fishery is projected to achieve its 11,000 chinook guideline at that time.
- Jun. 9 NMFS inseason conference number four rescinds the June 9 closure of the May/June, non-Indian troll fishery north of Cape Falcon and, with ample guideline remaining, allows the fishery to continue to the scheduled June 15 closure.
- Jun. 12 Council submits *Amendment 14 to the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan* to NMFS for implementation. The amendment includes implementation of the 1996 Sustainable Fisheries Act, significant editorial changes, provides a specific allocation for the La Push port area, and establishes management criteria for selective fisheries targeting on marked hatchery coho.
- July 24 NMFS inseason conference number five closes the central Oregon (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.), recreational fishery that is selective for marked hatchery coho. The closure, effective July 25, is necessary to avoid exceeding the 20,000 marked coho quota and precedes the season cutoff date of July 31. The recreational fishery in this area remains open for all-salmon-except-coho.
- July 31 NMFS inseason conference number six

Aug. 4 NMFS inseason conference number seven

Aug. 7 NMFS inseason conference number eight
 Aug. 9 NMFS inseason conference number nine

Aug. 16 NMFS inseason conference number ten

Aug. 23 NMFS inseason conference number 11

Aug. 30 NMFS inseason conference number 12

Sept. 5 NMFS inseason conference number 13

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS

Apr. 1 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., Oregon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 22. The fishery will reopen Aug. 1 through Aug. 29 and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.

May 1 U.S.-Canada border to Cape Falcon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 15 or an 11,000 chinook guideline.
 Humbug Mt. to Oregon-California border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through May 31.

May 29 Pt. San Pedro to U.S.-Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through Aug. 27.
 Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through Sept. 30.

May 31 Humbug Mt. to Oregon-California border all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.

Jun. 15 U.S.-Canada border to Cape Falcon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as scheduled.

July 1 Fort Ross to Pt. Reyes, all-salmon-except-coho test fishery within 6 nm opens through the earlier of July 15 or a 4,500 chinook quota.

July 15 Scheduled closure of the Fort Ross to Pt. Reyes, all-salmon-except-coho test fishery within 6 nm.

July 18 Pt. Arena to Pt. Reyes, general area all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through Sept. 30.

July 22 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery will reopen Aug. 1.

Aug. 1 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens. The fishery will close Aug. 29 and reopen Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.
 Sisters Rocks to Mack Arch, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens within 4 nm of shore under a 1,500 chinook quota and a landing limit of 30 chinook per day. The fishery is scheduled to run continuously until the earlier of Aug. 31 or the quota.

Aug. 4 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery opens under a quota of _____ chinook (1,500 in the preseason guideline plus _____ transferred from the May/June season) and 25,000 coho with healed adipose fin clips (selective fishery). The fishery proceeds on a cycle of 4 days open and 3 days closed.

Aug. 27 South of Pt. San Pedro, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.

Aug. 29 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for 2 days.

Aug. 31 Scheduled closure of the Sisters Rocks to Mack Arch, all-salmon-except-coho fishery within 4 nm of shore.

Sept. 1 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through Oct. 31.
 House Rock to Humboldt south jetty, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens under a quota of 7,000 chinook of which no more than 1,000 chinook may be landed in Brookings.
 Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through Sept. 30.

TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS

RECREATIONAL SEASONS (continued)

- May 1 All-salmon-except-coho fisheries open through the earlier of June 30 or an overall 20,000 chinook quota for the May-June season (any remainder of the quota is not transferable to the Aug.-Sept. season).
- June 30 Scheduled closure of the all-salmon-except-coho fisheries.
- Aug. 1 All-salmon fisheries open.
- Sept. 15 Scheduled closure of the all-salmon fisheries.

RECREATIONAL SEASONS

- Feb. 12 Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens. The fishery closes July 6 and reopens July 22 through Nov. 12.
- Apr. 1 Pigeon Point to the U.S.-Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through Oct. 1. The opening was delayed from March 18 (see inseason conference number 1 on Feb. 8).
- Apr. 1 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens. The fishery becomes selective for marked hatchery coho beginning July 1.
- Apr. 15 Point Arena to Pigeon Point, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through Nov. 5. The opening was delayed from Apr. 1 (see inseason conference number 1 on Feb. 8).
- May 27 Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 6 with a daily-bag-limit of one fish. The fishery reopens July 29 through Sept. 10 with a two fish daily bag limit.
- July 6 Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery will reopen July 29 and continue through Sept. 10 with a two fish bag limit.
- Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery will reopen July 22 and continue through Nov. 12.
- July 1 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain, all-salmon selective coho fishery opens under a quota of 20,000 adipose fin clipped coho. Only coho with a healed adipose fin clip may be retained. During the selective fishery, the season is only open Saturday through Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday of each week through the earlier of the 20,000 marked coho quota or July 30. There are no special gear restrictions other than the requirement to use barbless hooks.
- July 3 Fisheries north of Cape Falcon open for all salmon with a daily bag limit of two fish, but only one chinook. All fisheries are selective for marked hatchery coho (adipose fin clip). North of Queets River (La Push and Neah Bay), the fishery opens 7 days per week. From Queets River to Cape Falcon (Westport and Columbia River Area), the fisheries are only open Sun. through Thurs. The fisheries will close the earliest of Sept. 30, achievement of the coho subarea quotas, or achievement of the overall chinook quota.
- July 22 Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through Nov. 12.
- July 25 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon selective fishery for marked hatchery coho closes as the 20,000 marked coho quota is projected to have been met.
- July 29 Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through Sept. 10 under a two fish bag limit.

RECREATIONAL SEASONS (continued)

- i/ Unless stated otherwise, season openings or modifications of restrictions are effective at 0001 hours of the listed date. Closures are effective at midnight. Some events occurring after June 15 are subject to change, depending on achievement of quotas or other inseason management actions.