

Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management, January through October 25, 2000.<sup>1/</sup> (page 1 of 5)

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### 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 adjusts landing limits and quotas for the Queets River to Cape Falcon, non-Indian, commercial troll fishery (opening Aug. 4) as follows: (1) landing limit of 300 coho for the first four-day open period; (2) no chinook landing limits as the quota exceeds 2,500 chinook; and (3) the adjusted chinook quota for the fishery is 2,750 chinook.

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- Aug. 4 NMFS inseason conference number seven considers the projected achievement of the coho quota for the Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push) sport fishery and transfers 250 coho from the Neah Bay quota to La Push to extend the fishery into the following week. A conference is scheduled for Aug. 7 to review the landings and determine the closing date for the La Push sport fishery.
- Aug. 7 NMFS inseason conference number eight considers the projected achievement of the coho quota for the Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push) sport fishery and delays any action until an additional conference on Aug. 9
- Aug. 9 NMFS inseason conference number nine considers four issues: (1) closure of the troll fishery off Oregon between Sisters Rocks and Mack Arch under a 1,300 chinook quota; (2) adjustments to the non-Indian troll fishery between the Queets River and Cape Falcon; (3) adjustments to the recreational fisheries in the Columbia River and Westport subareas; and (4) closures for the sport fisheries north of Cape Falcon.
- NMFS closes the Sisters Rock to Mack Arch troll fishery on Aug. 11 as the quota is projected to be met at that time. To allow achievement of the quotas for the commercial and sport fisheries north of Cape Falcon, NMFS transfers 1,000 chinook to the troll fishery (Queets River to Cape Falcon) in exchange for 3,400 coho to the Columbia River subarea and 600 coho to the Westport subarea. The trade makes it possible to avoid any changes in the landing restrictions for the Aug. 11-14 opening of the troll fishery. NMFS transfers 60 coho from Neah Bay to the La Push sport fishery and sets the La Push closure for Aug. 12. Any remaining coho in the La Push quota will be transferred back to Neah Bay. The Columbia River subarea sport fishery will close Aug. 13. For the Westport subarea, all but the area at the mouth of the harbor defined by the Westport lighthouse and buoys 2 and 3 will be closed on Aug. 10 and the remaining area closed on Aug. 13. These closures are necessary to assure the coho quotas are not exceeded.
- Aug. 16 NMFS inseason conference number ten results in: (1) removing the 300 coho landing limit from the third open period of the Queets River to Cape Falcon non-Indian troll fishery and (2) closing the Neah Bay (U.S.-Canada border to Cape Alava) sport fishery on Aug. 17 to avoid exceeding the coho quota.
- Aug. 23 NMFS inseason conference number 11 considers landings in the Queets River to Cape Falcon, non-Indian troll fishery and recommends the fourth open period proceed with no change in regulations.
- Aug. 30 NMFS inseason conference number 12 considers landings in the Queets River to Cape Falcon, non-Indian troll fishery and takes action to increase the fifth opening to five days with the expectation that it will be the final opening.
- Sept. 5 NMFS inseason conference number 13 considers landings in the House Rock to Humboldt south jetty, troll fishery and closes the fishery north of the Oregon-California border on Sept. 5 as the 1,000 chinook guideline for landings in that area has already been reached.

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

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS** (continued)

- 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. 4-7 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery opens under a quota of 2,750 chinook (1,500 in the preseason guideline plus 1,250 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 with a landing limit of 300 coho for the open period.
- Aug. 11 Sisters Rocks to Mack Arch, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as the 1,300 chinook quota is projected to be met.
- Aug. 11-14 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery opens for the second 4-day period under the same regulations as the initial opening, but with a trade of 4,000 coho to the sport fishery for 1,000 chinook added to the troll quota (i.e., overall commercial quotas of 3,750 chinook and 21,000 marked coho).
- Aug. 18-21 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery reopens for the third 4-day period with no coho landing limit.
- Aug. 25-28 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery reopens for the fourth 4-day period with no coho landing limit.
- 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. 1-5 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery reopens for a final 5-day period with no coho landing limit.
- 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.
- Sept. 5 Queets River to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery closes for the season.

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS** (continued)

- House Rock to Oregon-California border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes upon meeting the 1,000 chinook landing guideline for Brookings.
- Sept. 30 Oregon-California border to Humboldt south jetty and Horse Mt. to Pt. San Pedro, all-salmon-except-coho fisheries close for the season.
- Oct. 16 Goat Island to 42°01'20" N latitude (Chetco River area), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters opens through the earlier of achieving a 1,000 chinook quota or Oct. 31.
- Oct. 31 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for the season.
- Oct. 31 Goat Island to 42°01'20" N latitude (Chetco River area), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters closes as scheduled.
- Nov. 1 Oregon State territorial waters, chinook only fisheries open from (1) Twin Rocks to Pyramid Rock (Tillamook Bay mouth) and (2) Cape Blanco to Humbug Mt. (Elk River area). All landings in the Elk River fishery must be landed in Port Orford.
- Nov. 15 Twin Rocks to Pyramid Rock (Tillamook Bay mouth), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters closes for the season.
- Dec. 15 Cape Blanco to Humbug Mt. (Elk River area), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters closes for the season.

**TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS**

- 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 Pt. 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 Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens. The fishery becomes selective for marked hatchery coho beginning July 1.
- Apr. 15 Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt., 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 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

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS** (continued)

- 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 Leadbetter Pt. 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 Leadbetter Pt. (Westport subarea), the fishery is 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 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 10 Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon (Columbia River subarea), all-salmon fishery opens with a daily bag limit of two fish, but only one chinook. The fishery is selective for marked hatchery coho (adipose fin clip), open only Sun. through Thurs. of each week and will close the earliest of Sept. 30, achievement of the coho subarea quota, or achievement of the overall chinook quota north of Cape Falcon.
- 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.
- Aug. 10 Except for the area at the mouth of the harbor defined by the Westport lighthouse and buoys #2 and #3, the Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. (Westport subarea), all-salmon fishery closes to assure the coho quota is not exceeded.
- Aug. 12 Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push), all-salmon fishery closes to avoid exceeding the coho quota.
- Aug. 13 Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon (Columbia River subarea) and state water area at the mouth of Grays Harbor (Westport bubble), all salmon fisheries close to assure the coho quota is not exceeded.
- Aug. 17 U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay), all-salmon fishery closes to avoid exceeding the overall coho quota.
- Sept. 10 Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for the season.
- Oct. 1 Pigeon Pt. to U.S.-Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for the season.
- Oct. 7 Goat Island to 42°01'20" N latitude (Chetco River area), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters opens under a one chinook bag limit.
- Oct. 15 Goat Island to 42°01'20" N latitude (Chetco River area), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters closes for the season.
- Oct. 31 Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for the season.
- Nov. 1 Twin Rocks to Pyramid Rock (Tillamook Bay mouth) and Cape Blanco to Humbug Mt. (Elk River area), chinook only fisheries inside Oregon territorial waters open.

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS** (continued)

Nov. 5	Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for the season.
Nov. 12	Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for the season.
Nov. 15	Twin Rocks to Pyramid Rock (Tillamook Bay mouth), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters closes for the season.
Dec. 15	Cape Blanco to Humbug Mt. (Elk River area), chinook only fishery inside Oregon territorial waters closes for the season.

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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 October 25 are subject to change, depending on achievement of quotas or other inseason management actions.