

Proposed April 1 opener for Oregon troll and recreational chinook fisheries from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain

Beginning in 1997, chinook directed fisheries from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain opened during April. In 1997 and 1998 the opening date was April 15 and in 1999 and 2000 the opening date was April 1. Chinook catches during these April fisheries have been highly variable due to weather and fish distribution patterns. Commercial catches were 4,500, 20,000, 800 and 1,200 in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 respectively. Recreational catch and effort during April fisheries have been extremely low with combined 1997-2000 landings of less than 60 fish.

The opening date of April 1 is again proposed for 2001 for both the commercial troll and recreational fisheries from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. All gear and bag limits would remain the same as 2000. Additionally, the control zone at the mouth of Tillamook Bay would be subject to closure under state regulations.