

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date: March 27, 2001	Hearing Officer: Mr. Jim Caito
Location: Red Lion Hotel Eureka, CA	Other Council Members: Mr. LB Boydstun
Attendance: 12	NMFS: Mr. Dan Viele
Testifying: 7	Coast Guard: LT Marlin Whittet
	Salmon Team Member: Mr. Allen Grover
	Council Staff: Mr. Chuck Tracy
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Klamath Fishery Management Council Klamath Ports Coalition Salmon Trollers Marketing Association of Ft. Bragg	

**Synopsis of Testimony**

Of the seven people testifying:

- One commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Five commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- One commented on the impending drought.

**Commercial Troll Comments**

The one troller that testified requested that some fishing opportunity in May in the Ft. Bragg area is desirable, within the range of 2,500 - 10,000 chinook quota (Options II and III). He believed that the 30 fish per day possession and landing limit in May was detrimental to fishers, particularly in Shelter Cove, and that it may prevent attainment of the May quota. He did not feel that a no landing limit regulation would result in a significant influx of boats from other areas.

**Recreational Comments**

All recreational anglers preferred Option I for the KMZ. There was some support for additional time in the KMZ in May to be balanced by reduced time in Central California recreational fishery. Two anglers testified against the one fish per day bag limit for the KMZ in Option III. One angler advocated for the 6 fish in 7 days regulation in the KMZ during the latter half of the season (Option I).

There were several comments on the impending drought conditions for the Klamath Basin and support for more flows for anadromous fish. One recreational angler expressed a desire for more habitat enforcement from NMFS.

**Written Statements (Attached)**

None.

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