

Comments on the 2001 Commercial Salmon Season options to Pacific Fisheries Management Council. March 23,2001

The Communities of Gold Beach, Brookings and Harbor will not see an abundance of local king salmon over the docks, to the markets and on to the barbeques this year. As a matter of fact the three options offer no increased harvest for commercial salmon fishermen in these ports. There is a huge demand for fresh local salmon that will not be available this year of abundance. These people want fresh chinook in their local fish markets and local fishermen want to participate in this abundance cycle, these options have left them out. This is economic discrimination directed at this already depressed area and segment of the economy. As the seafood processing representative on the State Restoration and Enhancement Board which manages the monies collected from commercial poundage and sport license fees, I am not happy with the present three options. There needs to be meaningful numbers of fish into southern ports.

The troll fishing representatives from Brookings and Harbor came away from the ODFW sponsored user group meeting believing there was support from ODFW for additional fish into south coast communities. When the options came out, the options did not include any additional fishing and in most cases offered less than years of less abundance.

Biologically, the commercial catch % made up of Klamath fish for the month of August is not much different from the area north to Florence, so 3,000 fish landed in Coos Bay where the season goes all year would be just about the same number of Klamath fish as 3,000 landed in Brookings in August. The allowed 74,000 Klamath ocean harvest can accommodate additional fishing in the Rogue River area and still meet harvest criteria The catch in May has not materialized over the last five years, fish do begin to become available in June. August should be a strong month for Rogue fall Chinook, robust stocks with help from STEP and Watershed council projects. The increase in populations in the Rogue, Pistol, Winchuck, Chetco and the 1,000 3 year old Chinook that showed up at Indian Creek Fish Hatchery on the Rogue last fall, all indicate strong 2001 adult returns. There are no weak stock concerns here to preempt local fisheries into September.

There needs to be a fin clipped Coho retention fishery throughout the state in conjunction with Chinook harvest The surplus hatchery Coho should be harvested. We made investments in those fish three years ago, and there will be waste.

This is the minimum season to have a meaningful fishery .

May 1-31	Open no quota
June 1- 15	1,500 fish quota, House Rock to Humbug Mountain 30fish day 450 Klamath impact
August 1-30	3,000 fish quota, House Rock to Humbug Mountain 30 fish day 750 Klamath impact
September 1-15	6000 fish quota, Humbug Mtn. To Humboldt South Jetty. 2,000 cap for Brookings Gold Beach. Reduces impacts on Eel River , Mad River stocks. Klamath impact ?

Thank you for reviewing this option.

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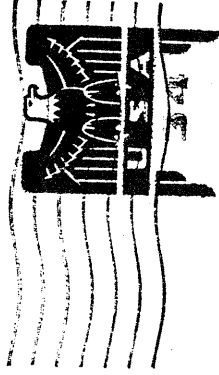
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I am supportive of the Oregon troll option for the Halibut fishery. It is a low impact fishery that helps out our most sustainable fishery.

Sincerely,
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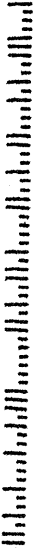
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MEMORANDUM

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Members of the Council

I've heard that some people are wanting to change the Halibut troll quota's from 3-1 per salmon, to 1-1 \$50 per. I strongly disagree with this thinking for a couple of reasons. (1) I would like to see the supply of Halibut filter in to the markets, most of them being local in shore, over a longer period of time. This would help keep prices stable through the May-July period and we would not get fish companies using the too many fish excuse, and dumping prices. (2) I believe this was an incidental fishery, and not one that you could target on, with just a few fish on board. 35 fish per trip is a fair number, and with a 3-1 ratio you would have to have a good number of salmon to fill the trip limit.

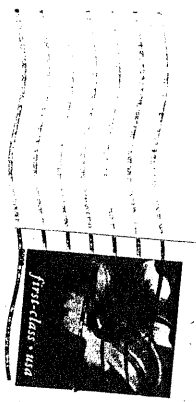
Please leave it as it is

3-1 with 35 trip limit.

Thanks for your fine work with our resources may it continue to stay stable

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