

TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF  
2001 OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES  
FOR ANALYSIS

Situation: In this action, the Council must narrow the March management options to the final season recommendations, including landing restrictions for Pacific halibut caught incidentally in the non-Indian commercial troll fishery. To allow adequate analysis before final adoption, the tentatively adopted recommendations should resolve any outstanding conflicts and be as close as possible to the final management measures. This is especially important to ensure that final adoption is completed on Thursday afternoon.

The Council's procedure provides any agreements by outside parties (e.g., North of Cape Falcon Forum, etc.) which are to be incorporated into the Council's management recommendations, must be presented to the Council in writing prior to adoption of the tentative options. The procedure also stipulates any new options or analyses must be reviewed by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and public prior to the Council's final adoption.

In addition to adoption of the annual management measures, the Council must annually approve definitions for commercial and recreational fishing gear. For 2001, no new definitions were proposed in the adopted options. The 2000 definitions are provided in Attachment 1. These definitions have been unchanged since 1996.

If necessary, the STT will check back with the Council on Wednesday (Agendum B.5.) or at other times to clarify any questions or obvious problems with the tentative measures. The Council must settle all such issues on Wednesday to allow STT analysis and meet the final adoption deadline of Thursday afternoon.

Public comment letters received at the Council office by March 19 are included in Exhibit B.4.b. Summaries of the testimony presented at the public hearings will be provided at the meeting in the supplemental reports noted below.

**Council Action: Adopt tentative treaty Indian commercial and non-Indian commercial and recreational management measures for STT analysis, including any proposed changes to the definitions for commercial and recreational fishing gear (Attachment 1) and landing restrictions for Pacific halibut caught incidentally in the non-Indian commercial troll fishery.**

Reference Materials:

1. Definitions of fishing gear (Exhibit B.4, Attachment 1).
2. *Preseason Report II Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2001 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (mailed prior to the hearings and available at meeting).
3. Written public comment (Exhibit B.4.b, Public Comment).
4. Summary of public hearings (Exhibit B.4.a, Supplemental Public Hearing Report 1 through 5).