

SALMON OPTION HEARING SITES

Situation: To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November. The proposed 2002 process and schedule is contained in Exhibit D.3.b. It follows the same format as in previous years.

For 2002, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2001. The hearings would be:

- April 1 Westport, Washington and North Bend, Oregon
- April 2 Eureka, California

In 2002, the March Council meeting will occur in Sacramento and the April Council meeting in Portland. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Portland also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done last year. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1995 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	Public Attendance						
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Westport	49	30	22	4	18	24	30
Astoria	28	23	16	-	14	-	-
Tillamook	-	-	-	28	-	13	16 ^{2/}
North Bend/Coos Bay	22	30	27	15	31	36	18
Eureka	30	45	27	16	18	37	12
Sacramento	16	-	-	13	-	-	-
Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Moss Landing ^{2/}	-	-	-	100	51	50	33

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2002.

2/ Hearing staffed by State personnel.

Council Action:

1. Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.
2. Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2002 ocean salmon management measures (Exhibit D.3.b).

References:

1. Proposed Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule for Developing 2002 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures (Exhibit D.3.b, 2002 Management Schedule).

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