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Let's see now SPORT SALMON ^{PFMC} SEASONS STARTS FEB 15
OH/OH! NEW GUYS IN CHARGE MAKE THAT APRIL 1
THINGS TRICKLE DOWN NO OPEN FELL NO CLOSE NOV.
OCEAN IS THEN TO ENJOY SPORT & COMMERCIAL FISHING
NO SPORTING GOODS STORES, ONE BUYER (PREV.)

NO COMMERCIAL SUPPLY STORES

PARTY BOATS NOW SPECIALIZE IN WHALE WATCHING

400 BOATS BROKE ALL RECORDS IN LIMITED
SEASON LATE 80'S AND LATE 90'S used to
be 3500 BOATS. COUPLE HUNDRED CAUGHT
OVER 100 FISH

LAST SEASON BROKE ALL RECORDS NORTH?
WORST OF ALL TIME SOUTH! DID THE TEAM
PREDICT THAT 2 TONS OF BIG FISH POUNDING
THE MONTREY MARINA IN AUGUST BUT WEIN, YOU
GUESSED THIS RIGHT, WE'RE CLOSED! FANTASTIC SPORT
CATCH IN APRIL BUT WE'RE CLOSED! LIMIT THE
BOAT SIZE TO 31' AND LESS AND OPEN THE
COMMERCIAL SEASON SANTA CRUZ-SOUTH ON APRIL 15

MY BROTHER LIVES ON THE CANAL IN DOS PALOS
AND LOVES TO WATCH HUGE SALMON JUMP OVER
THE GATES IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY 200' FROM
DOWN TOWN CENTRAL DOS PALOS. SO WE CAN'T FISH
APRIL 15th AND HAVE OUR BEST CHANCE AT
A SEASON WHILE THE SPANNERS ENRICH
THE FARMERS FIELDS.

SO AS I FISHED MY SPORT BOAT FOR 50 YEARS
ONE ROD UP AND ONE ROD DOWN AND TWICE
I HAD TWO FISH ON WHEN I NEEDED ONE
TO LIMIT. NATURALLY I RELEASED THE
SMALLEST. BUT NOW ONE ROD AND ONE
HOOK TO SAVE SALMON MORTALITY - HELLO DOS PALOS
WHO SNAPS ON 6 OR 7 HEADERS? I NEVER
HAVE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ONE HOOK PER ROD?
WOULD NEVER BOTHERED ME BUT FOR — SAKE
LET ME FISH A COUPLE OF RODS SO I CAN FIND
THE FISH! INCREASE THE TIME! ONE HOOK PER ROD!

WE HAD THE BEST F&G IN AMERICA AND THEY DID
A HELL OF A JOB! LET EM DO IT! CONFINE THE FEDS
TO PROTECTION OF 200 MI ZONE AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED



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February 26, 2002

Dan Viele, Chair
Klamath Fishery Management Council
US Fish and Wildlife Service
1829 S. Oregon Street
Yreka, CA 96097

On February 20, 2002, the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted to ask that the Chinook season for the Klamath Management Zone have the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 15, 2002, and continuing until Sunday, July 7, 2002.
- Using the remainder of the allocated days to work backward from Sunday, Sept 15, 2002, with the hope of starting the "second season" on Saturday, July 27, 2002.

These dates were suggested to both help spread the economic benefit over a longer period of time and also make certain the Oregon native coho salmon pass through the Klamath Management Zone, thus decreasing the hook-and-release mortality of the native coho. The season dates that we suggest should achieve both of these economic and salmon protection goals. We also feel that the consistency of these dates with the seasons set in the past few years should help visitors to our area make their plans with more certainty.

We also feel that limits of two fish a day or four fish in seven consecutive days would help in allowing our recreational fishermen enjoy the most time on the water.

Thank you for considering our comments as you work to set the 2002 seasons. Our visitors and our fishermen look forward to your final decisions. As you can imagine, we are already receiving calls daily looking for the right dates.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Spratt
President

C: Keith Wilkinson; Nita Rolfe; Ralph Brown; Paul Kirk; Dr. Mc Isaac

