

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	April 2, 2002	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Jim Caito
Location:	Red Lion Hotel Eureka, CA	Other Council Members:	None
Attendance:	25	NMFS:	Mr. Dan Viele
Testifying:	10	Coast Guard:	Mr. Phil Duryea
		Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Scott Barrow
		Council Staff:	Mr. Chuck Tracy
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Klamath Fishery Management Council, Klamath Ports Coalition, Salmon Troller Marketing Association of Ft. Bragg, Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association.			

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 10 people testifying:

- Four commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Six commented primarily on the recreational fishery.

Commercial Troll Comments

Of those testifying regarding the Ft. Bragg area, one requested Option I, and preferred to give up time in May rather than August if necessary to meet constraints. Most fishers requested removal of the landing restriction requiring all fish caught in the area to be landed in the area. Eureka fishers considered it a hardship to run from the Shelter Cove area 12 hours to Ft. Bragg (the only buyer in the area) rather than 8 hours to their home port of Eureka. One person requested use of on-board observers to estimate coho encounters and use that as a basis for inseason management of the May fishery, rather than the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model results, which are problematic.

One person testifying regarding the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) fishery requested an increased landing limit of 50 fish per day to allow access to the expanded quota. Another person requested opening the California portion of the KMZ through May 31, similar to the Oregon portion.

One person was opposed to Option II for the San Francisco area, because he felt it could concentrate the fleet in the Monterey area early in the season.

Recreational Comments

One person requested the Ft. Bragg recreational fishery be continuous, with no closure in July.

All those testifying regarding the KMZ fishery requested the early portion of the fishery run through July 4. Most preferred Option III, although one preferred Option I. Most also preferred the six fish in seven days landing restriction for the entire season.

Written Statements

1. Benn Platt letter dated April 1, 2002.

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