

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE FOR
DEVELOPING 2003 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Jan. 21-24 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Council staff economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft *Review of 2002 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 7 print date, mailed to the Council February 27, and available to the public March 4.)
- Feb. 18-21 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2002 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2002 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (February 26 print date, mailed to the Council February 27, and available to the public March 4.)
- Feb. 27 through March 9 State agencies, tribes, and fishers review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options. The Klamath Fishery Management Council completes recommendations for ocean management options affecting Klamath River fall chinook.
- March 4 Council reports summarizing the 2002 salmon season and projecting the expected salmon stock abundance for 2003 are available to the public from the Council office.
- March 10-14 Council and advisory entities meet at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, California to adopt 2003 regulatory options for public review. The Council adopts preliminary options on March 11, tentative options for STT analysis on March 12, and final options for public review on March 14.
- March 17 though April 6 Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 19-20 (Portland area) and April 2-3 (Seattle area). Council staff completes a preliminary draft *Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2002 Management Measures for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan*.
- March 25 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.
- March 31 and April 1 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 31); North Bend, Oregon (March 31); and Eureka, California (April 1). Additional hearings will be held by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and California Department of Fish and Game as follows: Tillamook, Oregon (April 1) and Moss Landing, California (April 2). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 8 in Vancouver, Washington.
- April 7-11 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay in Vancouver, Washington. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 8. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service will be completed on April 10.
- April 12-16 The STT completes *Preseason Report III Analysis of Council-Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*.
- April 17-27 Council staff completes final *Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2002 Management Measures for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan* for submission to NMFS.

Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations.
- May 1 NMFS implements federal ocean salmon fishing regulations, and *Preseason Report III* is made available to the public.

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