

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL

***PROPOSED  
INITIAL SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTIONS  
FOR 2003 NON-INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES***

March 11, 2003



TABLE 1. Commercial troll management options recommended by the SAS for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries, 2003. (Page 1 of 5)

A. SEASON OPTION DESCRIPTIONS

| OPTION I<br>North of Cape Falcon  | OPTION II<br>North of Cape Falcon   | OPTION III<br>North of Cape Falcon   |
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| <p><b>Supplemental Management Information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-Indian TAC: 150,000 chinook and 300,000 coho.</li> <li>Trade: No, but may be considered at the April Council meeting.</li> <li>Treaty Indian troll TAC: 80,000 chinook and 75,000 coho. (____ in May and June; ____ for all-salmon season in July. Sept. 15 with no rollover allowed from chinook season); and ____ coho.</li> </ol>  | <p><b>Supplemental Management Information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-Indian TAC: 115,000 chinook and 250,000 coho.</li> <li>Trade: No, but may be considered at the April Council meeting.</li> <li>Treaty Indian troll TAC: 59,000 chinook and 62,500 coho. (____ in May and June; ____ for all-salmon season in July through Sept. 15 with no rollover allowed from chinook season); and ____ coho.</li> </ol>   | <p><b>Supplemental Management Information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-Indian TAC: 95,000 chinook and 200,000 coho.</li> <li>Trade: No, but may be considered at the April Council meeting.</li> <li>Non-Indian Troll TAC: 47,500 chinook and 50,000 coho.</li> <li>Treaty Indian commercial ocean troll quotas of: ____ chinook (____ in May and June; ____ for all-salmon season in July through Sept. 15 with no rollover allowed from chinook season); and ____ coho.</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 through earlier of June 30 or 50,000 chinook quota. All salmon except coho (C.6). Cape Flattery and Columbia River Control Zones closed (C.4). Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area or in adjacent areas and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. State regulations require that fishers south of Cape Falcon intending to fish within this area, and/or fishers fishing within this area intending to land salmon south of Cape Falcon, notify Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) before transiting the Cape Falcon line (45°46'00" n. lat). Inseason actions may modify harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.7.a).</li> </ul>  | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 through earlier of June 24 or 35,000 chinook quota. All salmon except coho (C.6). Cape Flattery and Columbia River Control Zones closed (C.4). See gear restrictions in C.2. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area or in adjacent areas that are closed to all commercial non-Indian salmon fishing, and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. Inseason actions may modify quotas or harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.7.a).</li> </ul>  | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 through earlier of June 30 or 25,000 chinook quota. All salmon except coho (C.6). Cape Flattery and Columbia River Control Zones closed (C.4). Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. Inseason actions may modify quotas or harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.7.a).</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 30,000 preseason chinook guideline (C.7.a) or a 75,000 coho quota. All salmon and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip (C.6). Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area or in adjacent areas and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. State regulations require that fishers south of Cape Falcon intending to fish within this area, and/or fishers fishing within this area intending to land salmon south of Cape Falcon, notify Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) before transiting the Cape Falcon line (45°46'00" n. lat). No special gear restrictions except U.S.-Canada Border to Queets River: Gear restricted to plugs 6 inches or longer (C.2), with an option for inseason management to lift gear restriction effective Aug. 1 to access pink salmon. Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be implemented or adjusted inseason. Cape Flattery and Columbia River Control Zones closed (C.4).</li> </ul> | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Leadbetter Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 26 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 16,500 preseason chinook guideline, or a 42,500 coho quota (C.7.a). All salmon with a 2 coho to 1 chinook landing restriction and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip (C.6). North of Queets River gear restricted to plugs 6 inches or longer; south of Queets River gear restricted to plugs 6 inches or longer prior to July 27 (C.2). Cape Flattery Control Zone closed (C.4). Trip limits, gear restrictions, and quotas or guidelines may be implemented or adjusted inseason. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area or in adjacent areas that are closed to all commercial non-Indian salmon fishing, and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery.</li> </ul> | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 2 through earlier of Sept. 14 or 22,500 preseason chinook guideline or 50,000 coho quota (C.7.a). All salmon and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip (C.6). Columbia River and Cape Flattery Control Zones closed (C.4). Fishery is 5 days open/2 days closed. No special gear restrictions (C.2). Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be implemented or adjusted inseason. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>South of Cape Falcon</b></p> <p><b>Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 15 through July 16; Aug. 1 through Aug. 19 and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31. All salmon except coho. See gear restrictions (C.2) and Oregon State regulations for a description of the closed area at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.</li> </ul> <p>In 2004 the season will open March 1 for all salmon except coho. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.</p> <p><b>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 15 through June 30; July 17 through July 31; August 11 through Aug. 29; and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31. All salmon except coho. See gear restrictions (C.2).</li> </ul> <p>In 2004 the season will open March 1 for all salmon except coho. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.</p> | <p><b>South of Cape Falcon</b></p> <p><b>Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> <p><b>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> | <p><b>South of Cape Falcon</b></p> <p><b>Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> <p><b>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> |
| <p><b>Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 26 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 7,500 preseason chinook guideline or a 20,000 coho quota (C.7.a). All salmon. No special gear restrictions (C.2). Columbia River Control Zone closed (C.4). Trip limits, gear restrictions, and quotas or guidelines may be implemented or adjusted inseason. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within the area or in adjacent areas that are closed to all commercial non-Indian salmon fishing, and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>South of Cape Falcon</b></p> <p><b>Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> <p><b>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> | <p><b>South of Cape Falcon</b></p> <p><b>Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> <p><b>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p> |

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| <p><b>Humbug Mt. to OR-CA Border</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 15 through May 31. All salmon except coho. See gear restrictions (C.2).</li> <li>June 1 through earlier of June 30 or 3,000 chinook quota;</li> <li>July 1 through earlier of July 31 or 1,500 chinook quota;</li> <li>Aug. 1 through earlier of Aug. 29 or 3,000 chinook quota;</li> <li>Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 4,000 chinook quota (with a 30-inch minimum size limit in Sept)</li> </ul> <p>No transfer of remaining quota from earlier fisheries allowed. All salmon except coho. Possession and landing limit of 50 fish per day prior to Sept. 1; 100 fish per day in Sept. See gear restrictions (C.2). All salmon must be landed and delivered to Gold Beach, Port Orford, or Brookings, and within 24 hours of closure.</p> <p>In 2004 the season will open March 1 for all salmon except coho. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.</p> | <p><b>Humbug Mt. to OR-CA Border</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p>  | <p><b>Humbug Mt. to OR-CA Border</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p>  |
| <p><b>OR-CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aug. 16 through earlier of Aug. 29 or 3,000 chinook quota.</li> <li>Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 10,000 chinook quota.</li> </ul> <p>No transfer of remaining quota from Aug. fishery allowed.</p> <p>All salmon except coho. Possession and landing limit of 40 fish per day. All fish caught in this area must be landed within the area. See gear restrictions (C.2). Klamath Control Zone closed (C.4).</p>  | <p><b>OR-CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty</b></p> <p>Same as Option I</p>   | <p><b>OR-CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 10,000 chinook quota.</li> </ul> <p>All salmon except coho. Possession and landing limit of 40 fish per day. All fish caught in this area must be landed within the area. See gear restrictions (C.2). Klamath Control Zone closed (C.4).</p> |
| <p><b>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 - 31 and July 17 through Sept. 30. All salmon except coho. State regulations require that vessels with fish aboard entering or leaving the area must report to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) before transiting the area boundaries. See gear restrictions (C.2).</li> </ul> <p><b>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico Border</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 through Sept. 30. All salmon except coho. Minimum size limit 26 inches. See gear restrictions (C.2).</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 -31, June 24 - Aug. 30, and Sept. 1-30. All salmon except coho. All fish caught in this area must be landed within the area. See gear restrictions (C.2).</li> </ul> <p><b>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico Border</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p> | <p><b>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1 - 31 and July 1 through Sept. 30. All salmon except coho. All salmon except coho. See gear restrictions (C.2).</li> </ul> <p><b>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico Border</b></p> <p>Same as Option I.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Pt. Reyes to Pigeon Pt. (Fall Area Target Zone)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct. 1 through Oct. 17. Inside 3 nautical miles. All salmon except coho. Minimum size limit 26 inches. See gear restrictions (C.2). <i>Non-FN fishery only.</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Pt. Reyes to Pigeon Pt. (Fall Area Target Zone)</b></p> <p>Same as Option I</p> | <p><b>Pt. Reyes to Pigeon Pt. (Fall Area Target Zone)</b></p> <p>Same as Option I</p> |

B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)

| Area (when open)                       | Chinook            |                    | Coho         |          |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
|  | Total Length       | Head-off           | Total Length | Head-off |
| North of Cape Falcon                   | 28.0 <sup>a/</sup> | 21.5               | 16.0         | 12.0     |
| South of Cape Falcon                   | 26.0 <sup>a/</sup> | 19.5 <sup>a/</sup> | -            | -        |
| Humburg Mt. to OR/CA Border Sept. 1-30 | 30.0               | -                  | -            | -        |

a/ Chinook not less than 26 inches (19.5 inches head-off) taken in open seasons south of Cape Falcon may be landed north of Cape Falcon only when the season is closed north of Cape Falcon.

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS

- C.1. Compliance with Minimum Size or Other Special Restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught.
- C.2. Gear Restrictions:
- a. Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required in all fisheries.
  - b. *Off Oregon South of Cape Falcon:* No more than 4 spreads are allowed per line.
 

*Spread defined:* A single leader connected to an individual lure or bait.
  - c. *Off California:* No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel and barbless circle hooks are required when fishing with bait by any means other than trolling.
 

*Circle hook defined:* A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90° angle.

*Trolling defined:* Fishing from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.
- C.3. Transit Through Closed Areas with Salmon on Board: It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll gear in the water while transiting any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon; however, fishing for species other than salmon is not prohibited if the area is open for such species and no salmon are in possession.

TABLE 1. **Commercial troll** management options recommended by the SAS for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries, 2002. (Page 5 of 5)  
 C.4. Control Zone Definitions:

- a. *Cape Flattery Control Zone (Figure 1):* The area from Cape Flattery (48° 23'00" N lat.) to the northern boundary of the U.S. EEZ; and the area from Cape Flattery south to 48° 15'00" N lat. and west of 125° 05'00" W long.
  - b. *Columbia Control Zone -* An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N lat., 124°06'50" W long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09" N lat., 124°06'16" W long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N lat., 124°03'07" W long. to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°14'48" N lat., 124°05'20" W long.) and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N lat., 124°04'05" W long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.
  - c. *Klamath Control Zone -* The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west, by 124°23'00" W long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and, on the south, by 41°26'48" N lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).
- C.5. **Notification When Unsafe Conditions Prevent Compliance with Regulations:** If prevented by unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems from meeting special management area landing restrictions, vessels must notify the U.S. Coast Guard and receive acknowledgment of such notification prior to leaving the area. This notification shall include the name of the vessel, port where delivery will be made, approximate amount of salmon (by species) on board and the estimated time of arrival.
- C.6. **Incidental Halibut Harvest:** During authorized periods, the operator of a vessel that has been issued an incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in Area 2A while trolling for salmon. License applications for incidental harvest must be obtained from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (phone 206/634-1838). Applicants must apply prior to April 1 of each year. Incidental harvest is authorized only during **May and June** troll seasons and after June 30 if quota remains and if announced on the NMFS hotline (phone 800/662-9825). ODFW and WDFW will monitor landings. If the landings are projected to exceed the 39,300 pound preseason allocation or the total Area 2A non-Indian commercial halibut allocation, NMFS will take inseason action to close the incidental halibut fishery.
- C.7. **Inseason Management:** In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMFS:
- a. Within the overall non-Indian commercial chinook quota north of Cape Falcon:
    - 20,000 chinook Option 1;
    - 10,000 chinook Option 2;
    - 5,000 chinook Option 3;
 from the May/June quota are the result of impacts assessed at the July-September harvest impact rate. Inseason, these chinook (or remaining portion thereof) may be transferred to the July-September harvest quota at a one-to-one rate if not caught in the May/June fishery. Any remaining chinook from the May/June quota in excess of these amounts may be transferred to the July-September quota on a fishery impact equivalent basis.
- c. At the March 2004 meeting, the Council will consider inseason recommendations for special regulations for any experimental April fisheries (proposals must meet Council protocol and be received in November 2003).
- C.8. Consistent with Council management objectives, the State of Oregon may establish additional late-season, chinook-only fisheries in state waters. Check state regulations for details.
- C.9. For the purposes of CDFG Code, Section 8232.5, the definition of the KMZ for the ocean salmon season shall be that area from Humbug Mt., Oregon to Horse Mt., California.





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| <p><b>Supplemental Management Information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-Indian TAC: 150,000 chinook and 300,000 coho</li> <li>Trade: No, but may be considered at the April Council meeting.</li> <li>Recreational TAC: 70,000 chinook and 225,000 marked hatchery coho.</li> <li>Area 4B add-on fishery of 0 coho.</li> <li>Buoy 10 fishery opens Aug. 1 with an expected landed catch of 45,500 coho in Aug. and 24,500 coho in Sept. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.</li> </ol>   | <p><b>Supplemental Management Information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-Indian TAC: 115,000 chinook and 250,000 coho</li> <li>Trade: No, but may be considered at the April Council meeting.</li> <li>Recreational TAC: 56,000 chinook and 187,500 marked hatchery coho.</li> <li>Area 4B add-on fishery of 0 coho (chinook nonretention)</li> <li>Buoy 10 fishery opens Aug. 1 with an expected landed catch of 48,750 coho in Aug. and 26,250 coho in Sept. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.</li> </ol>       | <p><b>Supplemental Management Information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall non-Indian TAC: 95,000 chinook and 200,000 coho</li> <li>Trade: No, but may be considered at the April Council meeting.</li> <li>Recreational TAC: 47,500 chinook and 150,000 marked hatchery coho.</li> <li>Area 4B add-on fishery of 6,000 coho opens upon ocean closure. Chinook retention in July only)</li> <li>Buoy 10 fishery opens Aug. 1 with an expected landed catch of 52,000 coho in Aug. and 28,000 coho in Sept. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <p>Chinook salmon only; 2 chinook per day. 26 inch minimum size limit. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within a quota of 5,000 chinook. <i>No salmon landings in Westport.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. Canada Border to Queets River: May 24 through June 14, seven days per week.</li> <li>Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon: May 24 through June 15, seven days per week. Columbia River Control Zone closed.</li> <li>Queets River to Leadbetter Point: Closed with no salmon landings allowed.</li> </ul> | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b> <i>All parts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 24 through June 15, seven days per week. Chinook salmon only; 1 chinook per day. 26 inch minimum size limit. Columbia River Control Zone closed. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within a quota of 10,000 chinook.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No May/June chinook only fishery.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 15 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 23,400 coho subarea quota. All salmon, seven 7 days per week, 2 fish per day plus one additional pink salmon, no more than one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ilwaco close Sept. 30</i></p>  | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 22 thru earlier of Sept. 14 or 19,500 coho subarea quota. All salmon seven days per week, 2 fish per day plus one additional pink salmon, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ilwaco close Sept. 30</i></p> | <p><b>U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 29 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 14,490 coho subarea quota (adjusted for Area 4B add-on). All salmon, seven days per week, 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (28 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Chinook non-retention east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line (C-3 c) during Council managed ocean fishery except chinook retention allowed in July. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ilwaco close Sept. 30</i></p> |

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| <p><b>Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 15 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 5,850 coho subarea quota. All salmon, seven days per week, 2 fish per day plus one additional pink salmon, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. (Westport)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 15 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 83,250 coho subarea quota. Sun. thru Thurs. All salmon, 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon (Columbia River)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 29 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 112,500 coho subarea quota. Sun. thru Thurs. prior to Aug. 16 7 days per week beginning Aug. 16. All salmon. 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit) and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Columbia River Control Zone closed. Closed between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head beginning Aug.1. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 22 thru earlier of Sept. 14 or 4,875 coho subarea quota; Sep. 20 through Oct. 5 or 100 coho quota or ?? Chinook quota. All salmon, seven days per week, 2 fish per day plus one additional pink salmon, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. (Westport)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 22 thru earlier of Sept. 14 or 69,375 coho subarea quota. Sun. thru Thurs. All salmon, 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon (Columbia River)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 6 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 93,750 coho subarea quota. Sun. thru Thurs. A conference call will be scheduled for a day no later than August 6 to discuss opening seven days per week. All salmon. 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit) and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Columbia River Control Zone closed. Closed between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head beginning Aug.1. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 29 thru earlier of Sept.30 or 3,975 coho subarea quota. All salmon, seven days per week, 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (28 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. (Westport)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 29 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 56,535 coho subarea quota. Sun. thru Thurs. All salmon, 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (28 inch minimum size limit), and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon (Columbia River)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 6 thru earlier of Sept. 30 or 75,000 coho subarea quota. Sun. thru Thurs. All salmon. 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (26 inch minimum size limit) and all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Columbia River Control Zone closed. Closed between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head beginning Aug.1. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within an overall quota of ? chinook for north of Cape Falcon.</li> </ul> |

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| A. SEASON OPTION DESCRIPTIONS  |   |   |
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| OPTION I<br>South of Cape Falcon   | OPTION II<br>South of Cape Falcon   | OPTION III<br>South of Cape Falcon  |
| <p><b>Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Except as provided below during the selective fishery, the season will be: Mar. 15 thru Oct. 31. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. See gear restrictions in C.2.b. See Oregon State regulations for a description of a closure at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.</li> </ul> <p>In 2004 the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Same gear restrictions as in 2003. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.</p> <p><b>Selective fishery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 21 thru earlier of Aug. 24 or a landed catch of 88,000 coho. All salmon. 2 fish per day, all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Open days may be adjusted to utilize the available quota. All salmon except coho season reopens the earlier of Aug. 25 or attainment of the coho quota.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I</li> </ul> <p>In 2003, same as Option I.</p> <p><b>Selective fishery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 27 thru earlier of Aug. 10 or a landed catch of 75,000 coho. All salmon. 2 fish per day, all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Open days may be adjusted to utilize the available quota. All salmon except coho season reopens the earlier of Aug. 11 or attainment of the coho quota.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I</li> </ul> <p>In 2003, same as Option I.</p> <p><b>Selective fishery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 28 thru earlier of Aug. 3 or a landed catch of 60,000 coho. All salmon. 2 fish per day, all retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Open days may be adjusted to utilize the available quota. All salmon except coho season reopens the earlier of Aug. 4 or attainment of the coho quota.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt. (KMZ)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 17 thru Sept. 14. All salmon except coho. Seven days per week, 2 fish per day. See gear restrictions in C.2. Klamath Control Zone closed (C.3.b).</li> </ul> <p><b>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 15 thru Nov. 16. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Minimum size 24 inches thru April 30 and 20 inches thereafter. Gear restrictions include: one rod per angler, no more than 2 barbless hooks, and circle hooks when not trolling (C.2.a, C.2.c and C.2.e).</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, season opens Feb. 14 (nearest Sat. to Feb. 15) for all salmon except coho. 2 fish per day, 24 inch minimum size limit through April 30, then 20 inch minimum size limit thereafter; same gear restrictions as in 2002.</p>   | <p><b>Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt. (KMZ)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 17 thru July 10 and July 21 thru Sept. 14. All salmon except coho. Seven days per week, 2 fish per day. See gear restrictions in C.2. Klamath Control Zone closed (C.3.b).</li> </ul> <p><b>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I.</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p>  | <p><b>Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt. (KMZ)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 17 thru July 5 and July 26 thru Sept. 14. All salmon except coho. Seven days per week, 2 fish per day; no more than 6 fish in 7 consecutive days. See gear restrictions in C.2. Klamath Control Zone closed (C.3.b).</li> </ul> <p><b>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I.</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, same as Option I.</p>  |

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**A. SEASON OPTION DESCRIPTIONS**

| OPTION I   | OPTION II  | OPTION III  |
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| <p><b>Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apr. 12 thru Nov. 9. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Minimum size limit 24 inches thru April 30 and 20 inches thereafter. One rod per angler. Gear restrictions include: one rod per angler, no more than 2 barbless hooks, and circle hooks when not trolling (C.2.a, C.2.c and C.2.e).</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, the season will open Apr. 17 for all salmon except coho. 2 fish per day, 24 inch minimum size limit and the same gear restrictions as in 2002. This opening could be modified to allow an earlier opening date following Council review at its November 2002 meeting.</p> <p><b>Pigeon Pt. to U.S.-Mexico Border</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mar. 29 thru Sept. 28. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Minimum size limit 24 inches thru April 30 and 20 inches thereafter. Gear restrictions include: no more than 2 barbless hooks and circle hooks when not trolling (C.2.c and C.2.e).</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, the season will open Apr. 3 for all salmon except coho. 2 fish per day, 24 inch minimum size limit and the same gear restrictions as in 2002.</p> | <p><b>Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, same as Option II.</p> <p><b>Pigeon Pt. to U.S.-Mexico Border</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I.</li> </ul> <p>In 2003, same as Option I.</p> | <p><b>Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option II</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, same as Option II.</p> <p><b>Pigeon Pt. to U.S.-Mexico Border</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Option I.</li> </ul> <p>In 2003, same as Option I.</p> |

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**B. MINIMUM SIZE (Total Length in Inches)**

| Area (when open)  | Chinook        | Coho         | Pink                     |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| North of Cape Falcon:<br>Options I & II<br>Option III*            | 26.0<br>28.0   | 16.0<br>16.0 | None<br>None             |
| Cape Falcon to Horse Mt.  | 20.0           | 16.0         | None, except 20.0 off CA |
| Horse Mountain to Pt. Arena:<br>Prior to May 1<br>Beginning May 1 | 24.0<br>20.0   | -<br>-       | 20.0<br>20.0             |
| South of Pt. Arena:<br>Prior to May 1<br>Beginning May 1          | 24.0*<br>20.0* | -<br>-       | 20.0<br>20.0             |

\* **Except:** Option III - 26.0 inches July 6 through Sept. 30 in the Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon area.

**C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS**

- C.1. Compliance with Minimum Size and Other Special Restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught.
- C.2. Gear Restrictions: All persons fishing for salmon, and all persons fishing from a boat with salmon on board must meet the gear restrictions listed below for specific areas or seasons.

- a. *U.S.-Canada Border to Pt. Conception, California:* No more than one rod may be used per angler and single point, single shank barbless hooks are required for all fishing gear. [Note: ODFW regulations in the state-water fishery off Tillamook Bay may allow the use of barbed hooks to be consistent with inside regulations.]
- b. *Off Oregon between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mt.:* Anglers must use no more than 2 single point, single shank barbless hooks.
- c. *Off California North of Pt. Conception:* Anglers must use no more than 2 single point, single shank barbless hooks.
- d. *U.S./Canada Border to U.S./Mexico Border:* Each fisher aboard a vessel may continue to deploy angling gear or shellfish gear until the daily limit of foodfish or shellfish for all licensed and juvenile anglers aboard has been retained. All catch record cards or logs must be completed before docking vessel.
- e. *Off California between Horse Mt. and Pt. Conception:* Single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks (below) must be used if angling with bait by any means other than trolling and no more than 2 such hooks shall be used. When angling with 2 hooks, the distance between the hooks must not exceed 5 inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). Circle hooks are not required when artificial lures are used without bait.

*Circle hook defined:* A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90° angle;

*Trolling defined:* Angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.

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**C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (Continued)**

C.3. Control Zone Definitions:

- a. *Columbia Control Zone* - An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. Lat., 124°06'50" W. long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09" N. lat., 124°06'16" W. long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. lat., 124°03'07" West. long. to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°14'48" N. lat., 124°05'20" W. long.) and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. lat., 124°04'05" W. long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.
- b. *Klamath Control Zone* - The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west, by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and, on the south, by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).
- c. The Bonilla-Tatoosh Line is defined as: A line running from the western end of Cape Flattery to Tatoosh Island Lighthouse (48°23'30" N. lat., 124°44'12" W. long.) to the buoy adjacent to Duntze Rock (48°28'00" N. lat., 124°45'00" W. long.), then in a straight line to Bonilla Point (48°35'30" N. lat., 124°43'00" W. long.) on Vancouver Island, B.C.

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- C.4. Inseason Management: Regulatory modifications may become necessary inseason to meet preseason management objectives such as quotas, harvest guidelines and season duration. Actions could include modifications to bag limits or days open to fishing, and extensions or reductions in areas open to fishing. NMFS may transfer coho inseason among recreational subareas North of Cape Falcon to help meet the recreational season duration objectives (for each subarea) after conferring with representatives of the affected ports and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel recreational representatives north of Cape Falcon.

At the November 2002 meeting the Council will consider recommendation to open seasons for all salmon except coho prior to April 13 in areas off California between Pt. Arena and Pigeon Pt.

- C.5. Additional Seasons in State Territorial Waters: Consistent with Council management objectives, the states of Washington and Oregon may establish limited seasons in state waters. Oregon state-water fisheries are limited to chinook salmon. Check state regulations for details.
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