

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL

PROPOSED
OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES
FOR TENTATIVE ADOPTION
2003

April 8, 2003

A. SEASON DESCRIPTION

North of Cape Falcon

Supplementary Management Information:

1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 124,000 chinook and 300,000 coho.
 2. No trade between recreational and commercial fisheries.
 3. Non-Indian Troll TAC: 64,400 chinook and 75,000 coho.
 4. Treaty Indian commercial ocean troll quotas of: 60,000 chinook (30,000 in May and June; 30,000 for all-salmon season in July through Sept. 15 with no rollover allowed from chinook season); and 90,000 coho.
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U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

- May 1 through earlier of June 30 or 40,000 chinook quota. The fishery will be managed conservatively to provide adequate remaining quota for a June 26-30 open period with a 50 fish per vessel landing limit for the five-day open period.

All salmon except coho (C.6). Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones closed (C.4). See gear restrictions (C.2). 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) at the following phone number: (541) 867-0300 Ex. 252. Inseason actions may modify harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.7.a).

U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

- July 3 through earlier of Sept. 14 or 24,400 preseason chinook guideline (C.7.a), or a 75,000 coho quota. Fishery is 5-days open/2-days closed. Landing limit of 75 chinook per vessel for the period July 3-7; landing limit of 150 chinook per 5-day open period for the remainder of the season. All salmon except no chum retention north of Cape Alava during August and September. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip (C.6). Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones closed (C.4). No special gear restrictions (C.2). 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 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 ODFW before transiting the Cape Falcon line (45 46'00" N. lat) at the following phone number: (541) 867-0300 Ex. 252. Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be implemented or adjusted inseason.
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South of Cape Falcon

Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty

- March 15 through July 16; Aug. 1 through Aug. 19 and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 (C.8). All salmon except coho (C.6). Chinook 26 inch minimum size limit except 27 inches May 1 through August 31 and 28 inches Oct. 1-31 (B). See gear restrictions (C.2) and Oregon state regulations for a description of the closed area at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.

In 2004, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.

Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.

- March 15 through June 30; July 17 through July 31; Aug. 11 through Aug. 29; and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 (C.8). All salmon except coho (C.6). Chinook 26 inch minimum size limit except 27 inches May 1 through August 31 and 28 inches Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 (B). See gear restrictions (C.2).

In 2004, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.

A. SEASON DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Humbug Mt. to OR-CA Border

- March 15 through May 31. All salmon except coho. See gear restrictions (C.2).
- June 1 through earlier of June 30 or 2,500 chinook quota;
- July 1 through earlier of July 31 or 1,200 chinook quota;
- Aug. 1 through earlier of Aug. 29 or 2,500 chinook quota;
- Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 3,000 chinook quota with a chinook 28 inch minimum size limit.

No transfer of remaining quota from earlier fisheries allowed (C.8). All salmon except coho. Possession and landing limit of 50 fish per trip prior to Sept. 1; 65 fish per trip Sept. 1-30. See gear restrictions (C.2). All salmon must landed and delivered to Gold Beach, Port Orford, or Brookings, and within 24 hours of closure.

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.

OR-CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty

- Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 10,000 chinook quota.
- All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit 26 inches. 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.). When the fishery is closed between the OR-CA border and Humbug Mt. and open to the south, vessels with fish on board caught in the open area off California may seek temporary mooring in Brookings, Oregon, prior to landing in California only if such vessels first notify the Chetco River Coast Guard Station via VHF channel 22A between the hours of 0500 and 2200 and provide the vessel name, number of fish on board, and estimated time of arrival. Klamath Control Zone closed (C.4.c).

Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)

- May 1 through May 31, July 1 -14; July 20 through Sept. 30.
- All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit 26 inches. July 1 - 14, possession and landing limit of 150 fish per day per vessel and all fish caught in this area must be landed within the area. See gear restrictions (C.2).

In 2004, the season will open April 15 for all salmon except coho with a 30 fish per day possession and landing limit. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.

Pt. Arena to U.S-Mexico Border

- May 1 through Sept. 30.
- All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit 26 inches. See gear restrictions (C.2).

Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro (Fall Area Target Zone)

Oct. 1 through Oct. 17, Monday through Friday. All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit 26 inches. See gear restrictions (C.2).

TABLE 1. SAS proposed tentative **non-Indian commercial troll** management measures for ocean salmon fisheries, 2003. (Page 3 of 4) 04/08/03 1246

Area (when open)	B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches)				Pink
	Chinook		Coho		
	Total Length	Head-off	Total Length	Head-off	
North of Cape Falcon	28.0	21.5	16.0	12.0	None
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.					
Prior to May 1	26.0 ^{a/}	19.5	-	-	None
May 1- September 30	27.0 ^{a/}	20.0	-	-	None
October 1-31	28.0	21.5	-	-	None
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border					
Prior to September 1	26.0 ^{a/}	19.5	-	-	None
September 1-30	28.0	21.5	-	-	None
South of OR/CA Border	26.0 ^{a/}	19.5 ^{a/}	-	-	None

a/ Chinook not less than 26 inches total length (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. *Cape Falcon, Oregon to the Oregon/California border:* No more than 4 spreads are allowed per line.
 Spread defined: A single leader connected to an individual lure or bait.
 - c. *Oregon/California border to U.S./Mexico border:* 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 or recreational gear in the water while transiting any area closed to fishing for a certain species of salmon, while possessing that species of 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.
- C.4. Control Zone Definitions:
- a. *Cape Flattery Control Zone (Figure 2)* - 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 east of 125° 05'00" W long.

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

- b. *Columbia Control Zone (Figure 3)* - 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°15'48" 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. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in measured from the tip of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the extreme end of the middle of the tail, and must be landed with the head on. 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.
- Option 1a: License holders may land no more than 1 halibut per each 3 chinook, except 1 halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).
- Option 1b: License holders may land no more than 1 halibut per each 3 chinook, except 1 halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 25 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).
- Option 2: Designate the "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area, as defined in the Pacific Council Halibut Catch Sharing Plan in the North Coast subarea (WA marine area 3), as an area to be avoided for salmon troll fishing to provide protection of yelloweye rockfish.
- NOTE: Option 2 may be combined with either Option 1a or 1b.
- 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. Any chinook remaining in the May/June harvest guideline may be transferred to the July-September harvest guideline on a fishery impact equivalent basis.
- a. 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 VKMZ for the ocean salmon season shall be that area from Humbug Mt., Oregon to Horse Mt., California

A. SEASON DESCRIPTION

North of Cape Falcon

Supplementary Management Information:

1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 124,000 chinook and 300,000 coho.
2. No trade between recreational and commercial fisheries.
3. Recreational TAC: 59,600 chinook and 225,000 coho.
4. No Area 4B add-on fishery.
5. Buoy 10 fishery opens Aug. 1 with an expected landed catch of 35,000 adipose fin clipped coho.

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U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay Area)

- June 22 through earlier of Sept. 14 or 23,400 coho subarea quota with a subarea guideline of 3,900 chinook. All salmon, 7 days per week, 2 fish per day plus one additional pink salmon,, only one of which may be a chinook (chinook 26-inch minimum size limit) (B). All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. See gear restrictions (C.2). Chinook non-retention east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line (C.3.c) during Council managed ocean fishery except chinook retention allowed through July. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall chinook recreational TAC for north of Cape Falcon (C.4).

Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Area)

- June 22 through earlier of Sept. 14 or 5,750 coho subarea quota with a subarea guideline of 2,300 chinook;
 - Sep. 20 through earlier of Oct. 5 or 100 coho quota or 100 chinook quota: Inside area defined by a line from Teahwhit Head northwesterly to "Q" buoy to Cake Rock then true east to the shoreline (C.5).
- All salmon, 7 days per week, 2 fish per day plus one additional pink salmon, only one of which may be a chinook (chinook 26-inch minimum size limit) (B). All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. See gear restrictions (C.2). Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall chinook recreational TAC for north of Cape Falcon (C.4).

Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. (Westport Area)

- June 22 through earlier of Sept. 14 or 83,250 coho subarea quota with a subarea guideline of 40,600 chinook. Sun. through Thurs. All salmon, 2 fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (chinook 26-inch minimum size limit). All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. See gear restrictions (C.2). Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall chinook recreational TAC for north of Cape Falcon(C.4).

Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Area)

- June 29 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 112,500 coho subarea quota with a subarea guideline of 12,700 chinook. Sun. through Thurs. A conference call will be scheduled for a day no later than August 6 to discuss opening 7 days per week. All salmon. Two fish per day, only one of which may be a chinook (chinook 26-inch minimum size limit) (B). All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. See gear restrictions (C.2). Columbia Control Zone closed (C.3.a). Closed between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head beginning Aug.1. Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall chinook recreational TAC for north of Cape Falcon (C.4).

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South of Cape Falcon

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

- Except as provided below during the selective fishery, the season will be: Mar. 15 through Oct. 31 (C.5). All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. See gear restrictions (C.2.). See Oregon State regulations for a description of a closure at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.

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.

A. SEASON DESCRIPTION (Continued)

South of Cape Falcon (Continued)

Selective fishery for marked coho:

- June 21 through earlier of Aug. 24 or a landed catch of 88,000 coho. 7 days per week. All salmon. 2 fish per day. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Open days may be adjusted inseason to utilize the available quota (C.4). All salmon except coho season reopens the earlier of Aug. 25 or attainment of the coho quota.

Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt. (Klamath Management Zone)

- May 17 through Sept. 14. All salmon except coho. 7 days per week, 2 fish per day. Chinook minimum size 20 inches See gear restrictions (C.2). Klamath Control Zone closed (C.3.b).

Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)

- Feb. 15 through Nov. 16. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Chinook minimum size 24 inches through April 30 and 20 inches thereafter (B). See gear restrictions (C.2).

In 2004, season opens Feb. 14 (nearest Sat. to Feb. 15) for all salmon except coho. 2 fish per day, chinook 24-inch minimum size limit through April 30; same gear restrictions as in 2003.

Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco)

- Apr. 12 through Nov. 9. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Chinook minimum size limit 24 inches through April 30 and 20 inches thereafter (B). See gear restrictions (C.2).

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 2003. This opening could be modified to allow an earlier opening date following Council review at its November 2003 meeting.

Pigeon Pt. to U.S.-Mexico Border

- Mar. 29 through Sept. 28. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day. Chinook minimum size limit 24 inches through April 30 and 20 inches thereafter (B). See gear restrictions (C.2).

In 2004, the season will open Apr. 3 for all salmon except coho. 2 fish per day, chinook 24-inch minimum size limit and the same gear restrictions as in 2003.

B. MINIMUM SIZE (Total Length in Inches)

Area (when open)	Chinook	Coho	Pink
North of Cape Falcon	26.0	16.0	None
Cape Falcon to Horse Mt.	20.0	16.0	None, except 20.0 off CA
South of Horse Mt. Prior to May 1	24.0	-	20.0
Beginning May 1	20.0	-	20.0

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 or floating device with salmon on board must meet the gear restrictions listed below for specific areas or seasons.
- l. *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-waters fishery off Tillamook Bay may allow the use of barbed hooks to be consistent with inside regulations.]
 - m. *Cape Falcon, Oregon to Pt. Conception, California*: Anglers must use no more than 2 single point, single shank barbless hooks.
 - n. *Horse Mt., California to Pt. Conception, California*: 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.

C.3. Control Zone Definitions:

- a. *Columbia Control Zone (Figure 3)* - 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°15'48" 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.

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 the states, Council, representatives of the affected ports, and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel recreational representatives north of Cape Falcon.

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.

