

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 31, 2003	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Burnie Bohn
Location:	Red Lion Hotel Coos Bay, OR	Other Council Members:	Mr. Ralph Brown
Attendance:	26	NMFS:	Mr. Chris Wright
Testifying:	13	Coast Guard:	
		Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Curt Melcher Mr. Craig Foster
		Council Staff:	Mr. Chuck Tracy
<u>Organizations Represented:</u>			
Port of Brookings Harbor, Klamath Management Zone Task Force.			

**Synopsis of Testimony**

Of the 15 people testifying:

- Three commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Nine commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- Three commented on the beneficial economic aspects of both the troll and recreational fisheries.

**Special Opening Remarks**

None.

**Commercial Troll Comments**

KMZ: Option I was supported by all those testifying. Trip limits rather than daily limits were generally preferred for the June, July, and August fisheries. Trip limits were not supported in September. Support for the 30 inch minimum size limit in September was divided.

There was no testimony regarding the commercial fishery between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mt.

**Recreational Comments**

KMZ: Option I was supported by all those testifying

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.: Option I for the selective coho fishery was supported by all those testifying. One charter operator expressed his preference for closure of the selective coho season if the quota was being approached rather than reducing the number of days per week fishing was allowed in an attempt to extend the selective fishery, particularly if the closed days were closed to both chinook and coho retention.

**Written Statements (Attached)**

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March 26, 2003

Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200  
Portland, OR 97220-1384

Re: KMZ Commercial Salmon Troll Options

Dear Councilors:

The Directors of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce, representing three hundred and fifty businesses in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California, strongly supports Option 1 of the proposed commercial salmon season in the Oregon Klamath Management Zone (Humbug Mountain to Oregon-California border). We believe this option satisfactorily addresses the health of our commercial salmon fisheries and the local economy.

Option 1 would provide for a commercial season with the following parameters:

- March 15<sup>th</sup> through May 31, 2003, all salmon except Coho;
- June 1<sup>st</sup> through the earlier of June 30<sup>th</sup> or 3,000 Chinook quota;
- July 1<sup>st</sup> through the earlier of July 31<sup>st</sup> or 1,500 Chinook quota;
- August 1<sup>st</sup> through the earlier of August 29<sup>th</sup> or 3,000 Chinook quota;
- September 1<sup>st</sup> through the earlier of September 30<sup>th</sup> or 4,000 Chinook quota with a 30-inch size limit.
- A landing limit of fifty (50) fish per trip
- All fish to be landed and delivered to Brookings, Gold Beach or Port Orford within 24-hours of closure.

We are also in agreement with the proposed Gear Restrictions presented by the Port Fisheries Committee of the Port of Brookings Harbor.

Thank you for this opportunity to be a part of your process.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Spratt  
President

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Re: KMZ Recreational Salmon Options

Dear Councilors:

The Directors of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce, representing three hundred and fifty businesses in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California, strongly supports Option 1 of the proposed recreational salmon season in the Oregon Klamath Management Zone (Humbug Mountain to Oregon-California border). We believe this option satisfactorily addresses the health of our recreational salmon fisheries and the local economy.

Option 1 proposes a May 17, 2003 to September 14, 2003 uninterrupted season with a two-fish per day bag limit.

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