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Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
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Re: KMZ recreational salmon options.

Dear Councilors:

The Port Fisheries Committee of the Port of Brookings Harbor strongly supports Option 1 as presented by the PFMC for the 2003 recreational salmon season in the Oregon Klamath Management Zone (Humbug Mountain to Oregon-California border).

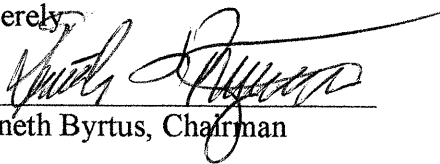
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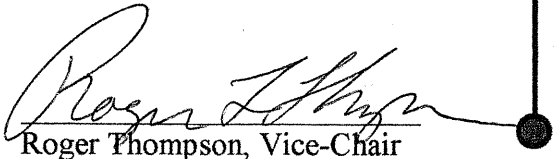
This year is no different as Option 1 only allows the KMZ Ocean Recreation a 14 percent harvest share. Also, recreational fishermen in the KMZ always work with season structure, but have not been given any consideration for season structure such as the bag limit.

This year, Option 1 proposed and unanimously supported by the Port Fisheries Committee is for a May 17 to Sept. 14 uninterrupted season with a two-fish per day bag limit. There is no justified reason for the proposed Option 1 to not be ratified by the PFMC for the 2003 KMZ Ocean Recreational Fisheries.

Thank you for this opportunity to publicly state our strong unified support of Option 1 for the KMZ.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth Byrtus, Chairman

  
Roger Thompson, Vice-Chair

# **KMZFC**

## **Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition**

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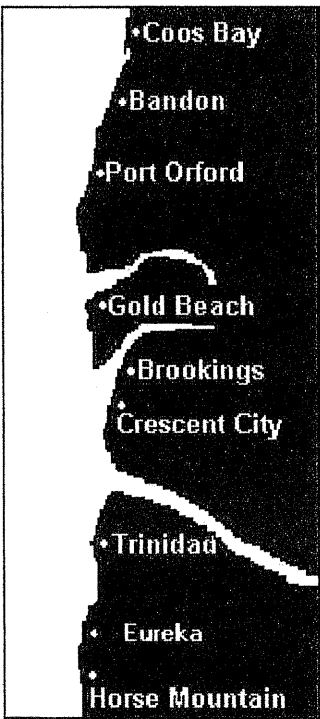
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**PFMC**

Re: Klamath Management Zone Ocean Recreation Options

Dear Councilors:

The Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition (KMZFC) an organization comprised of Cities, Chambers, Port, fishermen, both commercial and recreational, and numerous individuals from Humboldt Bay to Port Orford. The KMZFC would like to take this opportunity to state our unified position and strong support for Option 1 as proposed in Sacramento, California at the recent Pacific Fisheries Management meeting.

Our preferred Option 1 is May 17<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>, two fish per day, all salmon except Coho. This option only has a 14.6 % allocation for the KMZ Ocean Recreational fisheries and still leaves this fishery under the negotiated 17% harvest share.

It is a strong held belief within the KMZFC that, we have always approached past fisheries seasons through consensus building and understanding of other positions. This has many times, been at the expense of Southern Oregon and Northern California as there has been no credit given for one fish bag limits, reduced fishing efforts, or the fishing conditions that prevail off of our bi-state coast lines. This year the fish abundance projections mandated that the most liberal season possible should be provided to the KMZ Ocean Recreational Fishery.

Thank you, for this opportunity to state our steadfast position that Option 1 is the only fair and equitable choice for this year KMZ Ocean Recreational Fishery.

Sincerely,

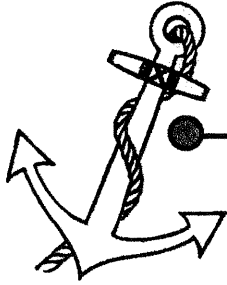
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**PFMC**

Re: KMZ commercial salmon troll options.

Dear Councilors:

The Port Fisheries Committee of the Port of Brookings Harbor strongly recommends the following changes to the options for the commercial troll season in the Oregon Klamath Management Zone (Humbug Mountain to Oregon-California border) formulated at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council March meeting in Sacramento..

**Option 1**

- March 15 through May 31. All salmon except Coho. \* See gear restrictions.
- June 1 through earlier of June 30 or 3,000 Chinook quota;
- July 1 through earlier of July 31 or 1,500 Chinook quota;
- Aug. 1 through earlier of Aug. 29 or 3,000 Chinook quota;
- Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 4,000 Chinook quota with a Chinook 30-inch size limit.

Landing limit of 50 fish per trip. All fish must be landed and delivered to Gold Beach, Port Orford or Brookings within 24 hours of closure. *This portion of the option is a change from the option formulated at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council March meeting in Sacramento. For June through August, this change reflects the 2002 landing regulations.*

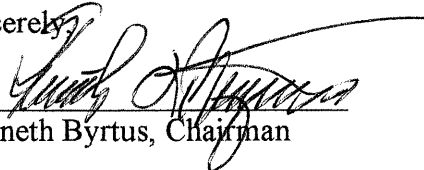
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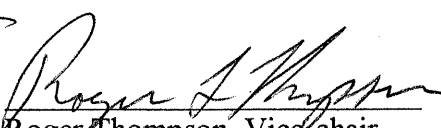
- A. Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required in all fisheries.
- B. Off Oregon South of Cape Falcon: No more than four spreads are allowed per line. *Spread defined:* A single leader connected to an individual lure or bait.

- C. Off California: No more than six 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 degree 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.

Thank you for considering these options.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth Byrtus, Chairman

  
Roger Thompson, Vice-chair

# Ilwaco Charter Association

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**PFMC**

Dr. Hans Radtke, Chair  
Dr. Donald McIsaac, Executive Director  
Members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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The Ilwaco Charter Association supports ocean option 1 with the following modification. We would like to see the language that states open 7 days a week after August 16<sup>th</sup> removed and substituted with the language in option 2 stating a conference call will be scheduled for a date no later than August 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss opening 7 days per week. The Ilwaco Charter Association has no problem going to 7 days a week if the quota presents itself to last through Labor Day. We believe by picking a set date without looking at the catch rates jeopardizes the Labor Day goal.

The Ilwaco Charter Association also supports the ports to the north of us opening June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will have no effect to area 1.

Thank you for time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



Butch Smith  
President Ilwaco Charter Association



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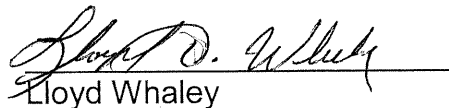
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**Option 1**

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The committee requests the council's consideration on this alteration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lloyd Whaley

Chairman, Board of Commissioners



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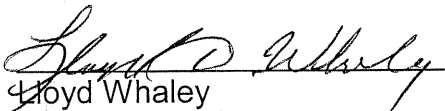
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Lloyd Whaley  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners



Salmon Trollers Marketing Association, Incorporated

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March 31, 2003

Pacific Fisheries Management Council

Dear Sirs,

My name is Jack Carlson. I am a long time (35 years) commercial salmon troller with Fort Bragg, California as my home port. I am on the Board of Directors of Salmon Trollers Marketing Association and represent our association's membership on salmon issues.

I would like to address the salmon management options for the 2003 ocean fisheries, specifically the commercial troll options in July, 2003, from Horse Mountain to Point Arena. A fishery with a 100 or 150 fish per day possession and landing limit has the same production potential as an unrestricted fishery. Most commercial trollers (80-90 %) make three or four day trips, take a day to off load, and another day or two to get ready for another trip. A possession and landing limit fishery would create undue burdens on the commercial troll fleet. There would be added expenses in fuel for more trips in and out of the harbor and more congestion in the harbor at fuel, ice and unloading docks due to more boats being in port at the same time. Also, if the fishing was good just south of the Point Arena line, you could not bring your trip to Fort Bragg if you had more fish than the possession and landing limit allowed.

Our association's membership believes this years data justifies a July 1 to September 30 season from Horse Mountain to Point Arena as is evidenced in options two and three. We feel that a July 1 to July 31 season with a 100 or 150 fish per day possession and landing limit is unjustified. We would like an unrestricted July 1 opening but could support a July 1 - July 14 100 or 150 fish per day possession and landing limit fishery with a July 15 to September 30 unrestricted fishery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack Carlson



Salmon Committee  
Salmon Trollers Marketing Association



**For PFMC public hearing, April 1, 2003**

From Dave Bitts, Eureka commercial salmon troller

I would like to introduce ~~these~~<sup>four</sup> slight changes to the March option package for consideration at the April PFMC meeting:

First, in the October fishery in the San Francisco area:

- consider moving lower line from Pigeon Pt. to Pt. San Pedro
- consider allowing fishery out to 200 miles instead of out to 3 miles

Second, in the July troll fishery in the Pt. Arena – Horse Mt. Area:

- consider, under Option II, running July 1-14 with 150 fish possession and landing limit, then assessing catch per unit of effort and either a) continuing 150 fish P & L if CPUE is very high, or b) dropping 150 fish P & L for remainder of month if CPUE is not so high. A two- or three-day closure might be necessary for this considering. If legally possible, consider giving DFG authority to make this call based on agreement during April PFMC meeting between DFG, Salmon Technical Team, and California troll fishermen.

Third, in the September fishery off Eureka and Crescent City:

- consider adding specific language permitting delivery of trips from outside the area Humboldt south jetty – CA/OR border, with proper notice from fishermen to appropriate authority and accurate recording of catch area on fish ticket.

Fourth, let's have the option of opening the Pt. Arena Horse Mt. area on April 15 in 2004



**Subject: PFMC Public Mtg 3-31-03**

**Date:** Mon, 31 Mar 2003 22:10:42 -0800

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
Bernie:

I am unable to attend the meeting at Coos Bay today. I will be on vacation in Hawaii to attend the 60th reunion of my father's WW II unit, the 442nd.

I still feel that there must be a way to model a small selective ocean coho season for late season fish. We are still fishing for chinooks during this period and to kill coho while fishing for chinooks seems like such a waste. The majority of coho die after being hooked and released even if handled with the greatest of care. Personally I would give up some of the first and last weeks of chinook fishing for a longer coho fishery provided that the chinook quota lost is rolled into a longer coho fishery. It would make more ecological sense if the fish are going to die anyway I realize that the two fisheries do not entirely overlap but there must be some mortality tradeoffs. Sometimes we have to think outside of the box.

An aside just on personal musings, I think that it is time to seriously consider removing coho from the ESA listings. Logging has run its course unless the Bush administration does a complete U turn. A decade of stream restoration has had its desired effect and coho I feel will rebound to a reasonable level. I feel that if there is a reasonable balance between native fish protection and hatchery supplementation, coho should survive and provide angling opportunities for the future. In some ways using a resource like fisheries as a club to achieve certain environmental goals is a bit of overkill. It hurt the wrong people. The fisheries resource managers were never really allowed to have much impact on the real problems. The PFMC habitat committee was always just advisory and not a serious threat to land based resource managers.

Richard

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# ***Pacific Pioneer Charters***

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***March 31, 2003***

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Honorable Councilers:

I am unable to attend the public meeting for comments on the 2003 salmon options. I would however wish to comment on the options.

I support option one for the recreational selective adipose marked coho salmon fishery in the Cape Falcon South Zone. But I feel that it is a continuation of the gold rush fishery for the recreation quota of adipose marked coho.

In 2001 a quota as big as the one proposed in option one was granted the Cape Falcon South Zone. This quota was reached easily by the end of July. We had good fishing weather that year. In 2002 a lesser quota was allocated based on faulty data and it was closed on August 1<sup>st</sup> when the quota was reached. This was due to bad weather in 2002.

After the end of the 2002 ocean selective coho season, we encountered many mature adipose marked coho and had to release them. Although these were anecdotal observations, these observations were realized in the stream counts that Fall. There was the biggest coho run on record for many streams.

This year, during the pre-season meetings, in Newport one of the charter representatives asked that a split season be modeled for consideration. This was to allow the ocean recreational anglers to harvest some of these fish we saw last year.

I feel strongly that ocean anglers should be allowed to harvest these fish. They should not all be allocated for the Buoy Ten fishery. There should be way to model a limited ocean fishery for late season adipose marked coho yet provide adequate protection for OCN coho. We are still fishing for chinooks during this time. Possibly some form of gear restrictions or depth restrictions could provide adequate protection for OCN coho. California has gear and take restrictions for their chinook only fishery. Perhaps a similar regime could be modeled for a late season adipose marked coho fishery.

Thank You,

Richard Oba  
Owner-Operator  
SYDNEY MAE II