

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Of the 13 letters received:

- Five commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Seven commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- One commented on the ecological aspects of fishery impacts.

Most of the letters reflect testimony received at the public hearings in Westport, Washington; Coos Bay, Oregon; and Eureka, California.

Commercial Troll Comments

Klamath Management Zone (KMZ): Three letters supported Option I, with a 50 fish per trip limit for the entire season. One letter supported allowing delivery of fish caught outside the KMZ provided adequate notice was given.

Fort Bragg: Two letters supported Option II with a preference for imposing a landing limit in the first half of July and no landing limit for the latter half of July, if restrictions were necessary. One letter requested an April 15 opening for 2004.

One letter requested that the southern boundary for the proposed Pt. Reyes to Pigeon Pt. Fall Area Target Zone fishery be moved to Pt. San Pedro, and the 3 nm restriction be removed, as was the case in 2002.

Recreational Comments

KMZ: Four letters supported Option I.

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.: One letter requested a split season for the mark selective coho fishery, with one occurring late in the season.

Cape Falcon to Leadbetter Point: One letter supported Option I with a modification of the language allowing a seven day per week fishery. The modification would substitute the Option II language allowing a conference call by August 6 to determine a transition date.

Leadbetter Point to Queets River: One letter supported Option I with a modified opening date of June 22. A second letter supported the opening date modification.

Ecological Comments: One letter supported Option III for all areas to allow maximum spawner escapement and genetic integrity of Endangered Species Act-listed stocks (See exhibit C.4.e).

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