

## SALMON FISHERY UPDATE

Situation: The only ocean salmon fisheries open in November are the California recreational fisheries between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (scheduled to close November 16) and between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (scheduled to close November 9).

A summary of the management events for the 2003 salmon season (updated through October 15) is contained in Attachment 1. Through October 15, there have been four inseason management conferences to adjust fisheries. The first conference closed the commercial troll fishery north of Cape Falcon effective June 6. The second conference allowed fishing seven days per week in the recreational fishery between Cape Falcon and the Queets River effective July 25. The third conference call ended retention of coho in the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. recreational fishery effective August 19. The fourth conference call transferred 5,000 chinook from the recreational fishery north of Cape Falcon to the commercial fishery north of Cape Falcon.

Mr. Dell Simmons, Chair of the Salmon Technical Team (STT), will provide detailed effort and harvest data for salmon fisheries through October 15 in his report to the Council (Exhibit E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report).

### **Council Task:**

#### **1. Discuss issues relevant to inseason management of salmon fisheries.**

#### Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit E.1, Attachment 1: Table E.1-1. Sequence of Events in Ocean Salmon Fishery Management through October 15, 2003.
2. Exhibit E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report: Status Report of the 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries off Washington, Oregon, and California.

#### Agenda Order:

- a. Salmon Technical Team Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion

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