

PRESEASON PLANNING FOR 2004 MANAGEMENT

Situation: To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November. The proposed 2004 process and schedule is contained in Exhibit E.3, Attachment 1. It follows the same format as in previous years.

For 2004, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2003. The hearings would be:

- March 29 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 30 Eureka, California

In 2004, the March Council meeting will occur in Tacoma, Washington and the April Council meeting in Sacramento, California. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Sacramento also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1995 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	Public Attendance								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Westport	49	30	22	4	18	24	30	11	16
Astoria	28	23	16	-	14	-	-	-	-
Tillamook	-	-	-	28	-	13	16 ^{2/}	18 ^{2/}	-
North Bend/Coos Bay	22	30	27	15	31	36	18	40	26
Eureka	30	45	27	16	18	37	12	25	46
Sacramento	16	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Moss Landing ^{2/}	-	-	-	100	51	50	33	14	-

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2004.
 2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

Council Action:

1. Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.
2. Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2004 ocean salmon management measures (Exhibit E.3, Attachment 1).

References:

1. Exhibit E.3, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule and Process for Developing 2004 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Approve 2004 Hearing Sites and Management Schedule
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