

KLAMATH FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
REPORT and RECOMMENDATIONS
to the
PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

ACCEPTANCE OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM REPORTS

The Council received and endorsed the following reports from the Technical Advisory Team: 1) *Ocean Abundance Projections and Prospective Harvest Levels for Klamath River Fall Chinook, 2004 Season*, and 2) *Klamath River Fall Chinook Age-Specific Escapement, 2003 Run*, dated March 1, 2004.

RESOURCE UTILIZATION

The KFMC's previous recommendations regarding resource utilization are unchanged:

The KFMC recommends full utilization of the harvestable surplus of Klamath River fall Chinook. However, other FMP conservation objectives and ESA requirements may constrain seasons more than the objective for Klamath River fall Chinook. If, as a result, the set-aside for ocean fisheries outside the KMZ sport fishery cannot be met, the fish should be utilized in the following order: (1) fisheries within the KMZ, (2) a full Klamath River sport fishery, and if additional harvestable fish remain, (3) Klamath River Tribal fisheries. Any such transfer has no effect on any party's share, entitlement, or allocation in any future year.

REGULATIONS

The KFMC recognizes that the change in the California recreational fishery regulations from bag limits to boat limits, as well as the recently modified regulations in Oregon and Washington, may affect the ability of the KOHM to accurately predict ocean recreational fishery impacts. The KFMC recommends to the PFMC that existing models be reviewed to assess their sensitivity to these regulatory changes.

2004 REGULATION OPTIONS

The KFMC recommends that the in-river recreational fishery be allocated at least 15% of the non-Tribal share.

The KFMC recommends to the PFMC a 51:49 California/Oregon sharing of Klamath River adult impacts for the commercial troll ocean fishery.

The KFMC recommends to the PFMC for modeling the KMZ recreational fishery:

- Option 1: May 15 – September 12, 7 days/week, 2 fish/day.
- Option 2: May 15 – September 12, 7 days/week, 2 fish/day, including an opportunity for

retention of marked coho between Humbug Mountain and the Oregon/California border.

- Option 3: May 15 – September 6, 7 days/week, 2 fish/day.