

TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF
2004 OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES
FOR ANALYSIS

Situation: The Council adopted three salmon management options in March which were published in Preseason Report II and sent out for public review. A draft environmental assessment (EA) of the March options and the status quo (2003 regulations) option will be available at the meeting. The draft EA analyzes impacts to the environment (Exhibit D.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 2).

In this action, the Council must narrow the March management options to the final season recommendations. To allow adequate analysis before final adoption, the tentatively adopted recommendations should resolve any outstanding conflicts and be as close as possible to the final management measures. This is especially important to ensure final adoption is completed on Thursday afternoon.

The Council's procedure provides any agreements by outside parties (e.g., North of Cape Falcon Forum, etc.) to be incorporated into the Council's management recommendations must be presented to the Council in writing prior to adoption of the tentative options. The procedure also stipulates any new options or analyses must be reviewed by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and public prior to the Council's final adoption.

In addition to adoption of the annual management measures, the Council must annually approve definitions for commercial and recreational fishing gear. For 2004, no new definitions were proposed in the adopted options. The 2003 definitions are provided in Exhibit D.2.a, Attachment 1.

If necessary, the STT will check back with the Council on Wednesday (Agendum D.4) or at other times to clarify any questions or obvious problems with the tentative measures. The Council must settle all such issues on Wednesday to allow STT analysis and meet the final adoption deadline of Thursday afternoon.

Summaries of the testimony presented at the public hearings will be provided at the meeting in the supplemental reports noted below (Exhibit D.2.c). Public comment letters received at the Council office by March 30 are included in Exhibit D.2.1.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt tentative treaty Indian commercial and non-Indian commercial and recreational management measures for STT analysis.**
- 2. Adopt tentative definitions for commercial and recreational fishing gear.**

Reference Materials:

- 1. Preseason Report II Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2004 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (mailed prior to the hearings and available at meeting).
2. Exhibit D.2.a, Attachment 1: Definitions of Fishing Gear.

3. Exhibit D.2.a, Supplemental Attachment 2: Draft environmental assessment of Council proposed management options for West Coast ocean salmon fisheries.
4. Exhibit D.2.c, Supplemental Public Hearing Reports 1 through 4: Summary of public hearings.
5. Exhibit D.2.l, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

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| a. Agendum Overview | Chuck Tracy |
| b. Update on Estimated Impacts of March 2004 Options | Dell Simmons |
| c. Summary of Public Hearings | Hearing Officers |
| d. Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission | J. Harp |
| e. Recommendations of the North of Cape Falcon Forum | OR, WA, and Tribes |
| f. Recommendations of the Klamath Fishery Management Council (KFMC) | Dan Viele |
| g. NMFS Recommendations | Bill Robinson |
| h. Tribal Recommendations | Jim Harp |
| i. State Recommendations | P. Anderson/N. Coenen/E. Larson |
| j. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies | |
| k. Summary of Written Public Comment | Chuck Tracy |
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