

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 29, 2004	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Ralph Brown
Location:	Red Lion Hotel Coos Bay, Oregon	Other Council Members:	
Attendance:	26	NMFS:	Mr. Chris Wright
Testifying:	10	Coast Guard:	
		Salmon Team Member:	Mr. Craig Foster
		Council Staff:	Mr. Chuck Tracy
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Port of Brookings Harbor, Klamath Zone Coalition.			

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 10 people testifying:

- Five commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Two commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- Three commented on both the troll and recreational fisheries.

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Brown gave a brief overview of the meeting process and objectives of the fisheries. Mr. Foster provided a summary of the recreational and commercial options.

Commercial Troll Comments

Klamath Management Zone (KMZ): There was a request that the Council consider a modified option for the Oregon portion of the KMZ with quotas of 3,000 chinook in June; 3,000 in July; 3,000 in August; and 3,000 in September; a landing limit of 50 fish per trip for June through August, and 65 fish per trip in September; a minimum size limit of 26 inches total length prior to September and 27 inches total length in September; and all fish must be landed in Brookings Gold Beach, or Port Orford, but, may be delivered outside those ports.

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.: The testimony was divided between support for Option I and Option III, both of which use block closures, rather than the 4 days open, 3 days closed structure of Option II.

Recreational Comments

Option I was supported by all those testifying because it included selective coho retention in the Oregon portion of the KMZ. One angler requested that if a lower quota was adopted for the selective coho fishery, the Oregon portion of the KMZ be included in the open area.

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