

IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND
PRELIMINARY DEFINITION OF 2005 SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Using the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) management recommendations as a base, the Council should identify the range of management elements in the options for public review (harvest ranges, special restrictions, and basic season structure). The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will attempt to collate the Council's identified management elements into coordinated coastwide options. The collated options will be returned to the Council for review and any further direction on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 followed by STT analysis and final adoption of the options on Friday, March 11, 2005. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1 provides guidance for developing and assessing the options.

Any option considered for adoption that deviates from fishery management plan (FMP) objectives will require implementation by emergency rule. If an emergency rule appears to be necessary, the Council must clearly identify and justify the need for such an action consistent with emergency criteria established by the Council (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 2).

Before defining the options, the Council should be briefed on any pertinent management constraints resulting from: actions by the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC), recommendations of the Klamath Fishery Management Council (KFMC), action by the California Fish and Game Commission to set the allocation of Klamath River fall chinook for the inside recreational fishery, and NMFS constraints for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The Council should also be prepared to address the March 15, 2005 opening of the Cape Falcon to Oregon/California border commercial fishery and the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain recreational fishery. At its November 2004 meeting, the Council decided to postpone any decision to delay the openings pending information on the 2005 Klamath River fall chinook forecast and an assessment of impacts during early season fisheries. If the opening is to be delayed, inseason action would be necessary. Resolving the issue at this time would help facilitate STT collation and analysis of the tentative management options, and contribute to timely adoption of final options for public review on Friday.

Council Task:

- 1. If necessary, make a recommendation for inseason action to delay the opening date(s) for the Cape Falcon to Oregon/California border commercial fishery and/or the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain recreational fishery.**
- 2. Using the SAS proposals and other agency and public input, define basic management elements and alternatives for STT collation into coastwide management options.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 1: Guidance for Option Development and Assessment.
2. Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 2: Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP.
3. Agenda Item C.2.h, Public Comment.
4. Agenda Item C.2.f, Supplemental ODFW Recommendations: Integration of Management in Ocean and Columbia River Fisheries in 2005 to Meet Conservation Requirements for Oregon Coastal Natural and Lower Columbia River Natural Coho Salmon.
5. Agenda Item C.2.g, Supplemental SAS Report: SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Options for 2005 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries.

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