

FORT BRAGG MARCH 15, 2006 COMMERCIAL FISHERY OPENING

The 2005 ocean salmon fishing regulations specify the Fort Bragg, California commercial fishery (Horse Mountain to Point Arena) will open March 15, 2006, but that the opening could be modified following review at the March 2006 Council meeting. The March 15 opening date was established to allow the possibility of fishing in Fort Bragg when impacts on Klamath fall Chinook would be reduced. However, the review would provide an opportunity to reduce impacts if stock status warrants additional conservation.

The Council may also consider addressing the scheduled March 15, 2006 opening of the Cape Falcon to Oregon/California border commercial fisheries and the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain recreational fishery.

If the Council makes a recommendation to change the opening date(s), National Marine Fisheries Service would consider inseason action to implement the change.

Resolving these issues at this time would help facilitate Salmon Technical Team collation and analysis of the tentative management options, and contribute to timely adoption of final options for public review on Friday.

Council Action:

- 1. If necessary, make a recommendation for inseason action to change the opening date for the Fort Bragg, Central Oregon, and Oregon Klamath Management Zone commercial fisheries, and the Central Oregon recreational fishery.**

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- Agenda Item Overview
- Agency and Tribal Recommendations
- Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- Council Action:** Consider Modifying Opening Date

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