

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received 33 written public comments on 2006 ocean salmon seasons prior to the March 15 briefing book deadline. Twenty Nine of the comments originated from California, one for Oregon, and three from Washington. Most letters requested there not be a complete closure of salmon fisheries along the California and Oregon coasts, and pointed out the belief that the Klamath fall Chinook stock depression is the result of poor water management practices in the basin. Three letters addressed allocation issues among commercial and recreational, and treaty Indian and non-Indian fishery sectors. One letter expressed concern over effort shift from the commercial salmon fishery to the albacore troll fishery and associated safety concerns due to lack of funds from salmon fishing for boat maintenance. One letter supported closing fisheries and seeking disaster relief rather than providing a *de minimis* fishery with little economic benefit.

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