

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date:	March 27, 2007	Hearing Officer:	Mr. Roger Thomas
Location:	Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel, Santa Rosa, California	Other Council Members:	
Attendance:	35	NMFS:	Mr. Mark Helvey
Testifying:	9	Coast Guard:	ENS Everett Fujii
		Salmon Technical Team:	Mr. Allen Grover
		Council Staff:	Mr. Chuck Tracy
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Fort Bragg Salmon Trollers Marketing Association; Coastside Fishing Club; Fishermen’s Marketing Association of Bodega Bay; Fishermen’s Marketing Association of Moss Landing; Humboldt Fisherman’s Marketing Association; Half Moon Bay Fisherman’s Marketing Association; As Hoc Committee; North Coast Consumers Alliance			

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 9 people testifying:

- 7 commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- 1 commented on both the recreational and commercial fisheries.
- 1 commented on economic or other aspects of the fisheries.
- 1 commented on issues associated with Klamath River water management issues.

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Thomas gave a brief overview of the meeting process and objectives. Mr. Allen Grover gave a brief overview of the recreational and commercial options.

Commercial Troll Comments

- Fort Bragg Area: Three people testified in support of Option II, three testified in favor of allowing a five month season;
- San Francisco Area: Two people testified in support of Option II;
- Monterey Area: One person testified in support of Option I.

Recreational Comments

- One person testified in support of Option I;
- One Commercial fisherman felt the Option I May 1 opening in the KMZ assumed impacts that were unlikely to occur because of weather issues, which could be better used in Commercial fisheries during the summer.

Other Comments

- Two people encouraged the Council to maintain pressure on water management issues in the Klamath Basin.
- Two people testified that the management line at Point Arena posed safety concerns for trollers required to return to Fort Bragg to land their catch.

Written Statements (Attached)

- Ad Hoc Committee

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RE: Salmon Options Agenda Item

To: The Pacific Fishery Management Council:

25-year Chart showing relationship between Fort Bragg salmon landings and Klamath River Runs
(Decimating trolling did NOT result in higher numbers of returns to the Klamath River)

We are opposed to any options to curtail Salmon trolling in the Fort Bragg area because 25 years of data (see attached chart) shows that drastically limiting Salmon trolling out of Fort Bragg in the 90's did NOT increase Klamath River salmon returns. Stopping trolling all but destroyed the Fort Bragg commercial salmon industry, but produced no measurable increase in Klamath salmon runs.



Ann Maurice

Fort Bragg season slashed and catch reduced by 93% in 1990's
but yields **NO INCREASE** in Klamath run

	A	B	C	D
1		MONTHS	TOTAL CATCH	TOTAL RUN
2		FISHED	IN THOUSANDS	SIZE
3		FORT BRAGG	FORT BRAGG	KLAMATH
4	YEAR			
5				
6	1981	5	116.8	80.1
7	1982	5	177.2	66.5
8	1983	5	55.9	57.5
9	1984	5	49.8	47.1
10	1985	5	149.6	64.4
11	1986	5	272.4	194.8
12	1987	5	341.2	208.8
13	1988	5	424.7	191.3
14	1989	5	144.2	124
15	1990	5	79.6	35.8
16				
17	TEN YR TOTAL		1811.2	1070.3
18	YEARLY AVERAGE		181.12	107.03
19				
20	1991	2	35.6	32.6
21	1992	0	0	26.7
22	1993	2	19.9	57.2
23	1994	1	5.2	63.9
24	1995	1	8.7	222.7
25	1996	2	22.9	175.7
26	1997	1	3.8	83.7
27	1998	1	2.9	90.06
28	1999	1	2.3	51
29	2000	1	30.8	218
30				
31	TEN YR. TOTAL		132.1	1022.1
32	YEARLY AVERAGE		13.21	102.21
33				
34				
35	2001	1	14.9	187.3
36	2002	2	65.3	160.7
37	2003	4	248.8	191.9
38	2004	3	107.2	79.1
39	2005	1	45.7	65.2
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41	FIVE YR TOTAL		481.9	684.2
42	FIVE YR AVERAGE		96.4	136.8
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Compiled from:

"Review of 1990 Ocean Salmon Fisheries", Table A-2; "Review of 1998 Ocean Salmon Fisheries", Table A-3, Table B-4; "Review of 2005 Ocean Salmon fisheries", Table A-3, Table B-4; published by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Ste. 200, Portland, OR 97220, (503) 820-2280; (See Appendix attached)