

SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTION HEARING SUMMARY

Date: March 31, 2008	Hearing Officer: Mr. Rod Moore
Location: Red Lion Hotel Coos Bay, Oregon	Other Council Members:
Attendance: 60	NMFS: Ms. Sarah McAvinchey
Testifying: 17	Coast Guard: LT Lyle Kessler
	Salmon Technical Team: Mr. Craig Foster
	Council Staff: Mr. Chuck Tracy
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Port of Brookings Harbor; Klamath Zone Coalition; Brookings Chamber of Commerce, Curry County Board of Commissioners.	

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 17 people testifying:

- 4 commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- 3 commented primarily on the recreational fishery.
- 5 commented on both recreational and commercial fisheries, or other economic aspects of the fisheries.
- 4 commented on issues associated with Klamath River water management issues.
- 1 commented on salmon predation issues.

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Moore 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

All of those testifying supported Option II or III, there was no support for Option I. Several people requested a disaster relief declaration.

Recreational Comments

All of those testifying supported Option I.

Other Comments

Several people supported implementing emergency regulations allowing recreational fisheries to maintain the economic viability of coastal communities. Several of those testifying expressed frustration with the water management situation in the Sacramento Basin, and requested the Federal agencies to address hydropower and habitat issues. Several people supported funding increases for better scientific data collection, including the proposed GSI study. One person requested lethal removal of sea lions. Two people felt that the whiting fleet should be closed down if the salmon fleet was closed down.

Written Statements (Attached)

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Finally, we need your continuing help in the development of water practices and data gathering systems that will both provide a sustainable fishery yield, and which will aid in refining fishery management practices.

There are two populations that need to be sustained along the Oregon coast that your actions will touch: the Salmon fish, and the human population that relies upon the Salmon fishery for their livelihood.

Respectfully,

Gary Milliman
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and Council

Brookings Harbor Port Commission

Curry County Board of Commissioners

Peter DeFazio, Member of Congress

Ted Kulongoski, Governor

Wayne Krieger, State Assembly

Jeff Kruse, State Senate

Brookings Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Scott Graves, The Pilot

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Gentlemen:

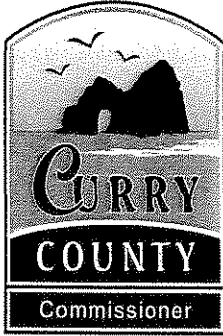
I support, with any Option chosen, sufficient Chinook impacts to conduct experimental genetic stock identification studies May 1 – August 31, 2008. This will continue the GSI – Genetic research started in 2006, and continued in 2007, by the CROOS Project. The more information we can learn about when and where Salmon stocks are found swimming in the ocean plus the collected data on ocean conditions promotes good science. The better the science behind fishery decisions, the better the decision.

Thank You,

Dixie Boley

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Dear Sirs;

March 26, 2008

The Curry County Board of Commissioners would like to go on record in support of the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition's recommendation of Option 1 for the recreational 2008 Ocean Salmon Season in the Klamath Management Zone. For the commercial season we will support our commercial fishermen from our ports for a salmon emergency declaration with a possible limited season.

The Curry County Board of Commissioners also supports the KMZFC recommendation that GSI (Genetic Sampling Information) studies also take place in 2008. This is so that this vital information as to where and when the Sacramento and Klamath runs are in the ocean can be gathered to identify accurate information regarding impacts from our fishermen.

We would like to emphasize that this drastic reduction in our ocean salmon seasons will devastate the already impacted Curry County economy. We will advocate for a disaster declaration for commercial salmon fishermen and amending the Magnuson Act so that recreational suppliers and ports can also be included in future disaster declarations. We recognize that poor ocean conditions as well as bad management decisions of the Sacramento River are to blame. We hope that the federal government works with the State of California to assure improvement of management practices impacting this federal resource. It is also our hope that the federal government fund important research studies such as GSI so that future economic impacts to our region are not so severe.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely;

Commissioner Georgia Nowlin
Chair

Commissioner Lucie La Bonté
Vice Chair

Commissioner Marlyn Schafer