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IN-RIVER SPORTS FISHING ISSUES

The In-River Sports Fishing and the Trinity River Guides Association support the proposed Option I of 18,600 of the Klamath Fall Chinook Preseason Report II for the 2008 Fall Chinook harvest. We also ask that you provide the Ocean Recreational harvest of Option I: three days for the Memorial Day weekend, Three days for the 4th of July and with the extension of the last two weeks of August in the KMZ.

The reasoning for this request and consideration is that by keeping the In-River Recreational harvest to the lower number of 18,600 Fall Klamath Chinook it would allow for the extra harvest if KMZ Klamath Fall Chinook to go to the Ocean Recreation Sports Fishery. It also would allow for a third year in a row for the 40.7 escapement floor. This consideration is based upon:

- 1) the Sacramento Fall Chinook would be into the San Francisco Bay area staging to enter or already entering the Sacramento River and therefore not be affected by the late harvest of KMZ fish.
- 2) The reduction of salmon fishing for the Ocean Recreation Sport Fisheries will cause a great economical hardship to the coastal businesses as it did in 2006 to the IN-River businesses. A twenty day fishery with a limited Salmon Report Card (10-20fish) could very possible help to stop an economical collapse during this recessional period of the economy.
- 3) A 100% marking of hatchery Chinook released from the IGH & TRH would help assure some type of In-River and Ocean Recreational fishing restricted to hatchery fish only during those years of low returns.

We thank you for your serious consideration of our recommendations.

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