

PRESEASON SALMON MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

The following schedule will be used to plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire 2010 preseason salmon management process.

For 2010, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2009. The hearings would be:

- March 29, 2010 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon
- March 30, 2010 Eureka, California

In 2010, the March Council meeting will occur in Sacramento, California and the April Council meeting in Portland, Oregon. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Portland also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1996 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location ^{1/}	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Westport	30	22	4	18	24	30	11	16	16	25	26	34	20	27
Astoria	23	16	-	14	-	-	-	-	-					
Tillamook	-	-	28	-	13	16 ^{2/}	18 ^{2/}	-	-					
Coos Bay	30	27	15	31	36	18	40	26	26	105	146	43	60	108
Eureka	45	27	16	18	37	12	25	46	-				167	65
Ft. Bragg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	38	-			
Sacramento	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-		500	35		
Moss Landing ^{2/}	-	-	100	51	50	33	14	-	-					

PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR
DEVELOPING 2010 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- Oct-30-Nov5, 2009 The Council and advisory entities meet at the Hilton Orange County, Costa Mesa, California, to consider any changes to conservation objectives or methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options.
- Jan. 19-22, 2010 The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and NMFS economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft *Review of 2009 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 9 print date, available on-line February 12.)
- Feb. 16-19 STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete *Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*. This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and level of precision, harvest and escapement estimates when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2010 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options (February 24 print date, February 25 mailed to the Council and available on-line).
- Feb. 20 through Mar. 5 State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options.
- Feb. 25 Council reports summarizing the 2009 salmon season and salmon stock abundance projections for 2010 are available to the public from the Council office.
- Mar. 6-11 Council and advisory entities meet at the DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento, California, to adopt 2010 regulatory options for public review. The Council addresses inseason action for fisheries opening prior to May 1 and adopts preliminary options on March 8, adopts tentative options for STT analysis on March 9, and final options for public review on March 11.
- Mar. 15-19 The STT completes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (March 22 print date, March 23 available to the public).
- Mar. 17 through Apr. 8 Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are scheduled for March 17-18 in Lacey, Washington and April 6-8 in Lynwood, Washington.
- Mar. 23 Council staff distributes *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.

- Mar. 29-30 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 29); Coos Bay, Oregon (March 29); and Eureka, California (March 30). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 12 in Portland, Oregon.
- Apr. 10-15 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Portland, Oregon. *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* and information developed at the Council meeting is considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 12. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are tentatively scheduled to be completed on April 14.
- Apr. 15-21 The STT and Council staff completes *Preseason Report III: Analysis of Council-Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2010 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (April 22 print date, mailed to the Council and available to the public April 23). Council and NMFS staff completes required National Environmental Policy Act documents for submission.
- Apr. 23 Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations, and *Preseason Report III* is made available to the public.
- May 1 NMFS implements federal ocean salmon fishing regulations.

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STATUS REPORT OF THE 2009 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF WASHINGTON, OREGON, and CALIFORNIA.

Preliminary Data Through September 30, 2009.

Fishery and Area	Season Dates	Effort Days Fished	CHINOOK			COHO ^{a/}		
			Catch	Quota	Percent	Catch	Quota	Percent
COMMERCIAL								
Treaty Indian ^{b/}	5/1-6/30	321	7,250	19,000	38%	Non-Retention		
	7/1-9/15	513	4,986	20,000	25%	59,882	60,000	100%
Non-Indian North of Cape Falcon ^{c/}	5/1-6/30	1,210	10,184	13,735	74%	Non-Retention		
	7/1-9/15	1,233	2,755	6,765	41%	32,262	33,600	96%
Cape Falcon - Humbug Mt.	9/1-9/31	730	Non-Retention			10,720	21,240	50%
Humbug Mt. - U.S./Mexico Border	Closed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECREATIONAL								
U.S./Canada Border - Cape Alava ^{c/}	6/27-9/20	16,418	2,444	2,200	111%	13,501	17,100	79%
Cape Alava-Queets River ^{c/}	6/27-9/20	4,524	543	950	57%	6,712	6,980	96%
	9/26-10/11	491	135	100	135%	134	100	134%
Queets River - Leadbetter Pt. ^{c/}	6/28-9/20	37,678	5,014	11,850	42%	53,702	55,270	97%
Leadbetter Pt.-Cape Falcon ^{c/}	6/28-8/31 and 9/7-30	55,510	5,204	5,400	96%	84,686	96,500	88%
Cape Falcon - OR/CA Border	6/20-8/31	63,992	Non-Retention			69,775	70,000	100%
Cape Falcon - Humbug Mt.	9/1-9/30	6,339	Non-Retention			462	9,560	5%
Humbug Mt. - Horse Mt. (KMZ)	8/29-9/7	8,229	856			8	included in 110,000	
OR/CA Border - U.S./Mexico Border	Closed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTALS TO DATE	Effort			Chinook Catch			Coho Catch		
	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007
TROLL									
Treaty Indian	834	614	621	12,236	21,076	23,070	59,882	14,419	41,066
Washington Non-Indian	1,905	1,223	1,274	12,307	8,636	14,268	19,220	1,706	5,886
Oregon	1,268	682	4,768	655	5,452	33,763	13,020	378	17,095
California	-	-	9,214	-	-	102,522	-	-	-
Total Troll	4,007	2,519	15,877	25,198	35,164	173,623	92,122	16,503	64,047
RECREATIONAL									
Washington Non-Indian	102,410	37,610	72,683	19,523	14,635	8,944	156,538	18,870	83,788
Oregon	85,202	27,005	82,620	1,389	1,097	5,916	89,996	12,079	60,650
California	5,360	391	92,678	670	6	46,938	6	-	746
Total Recreational	192,972	65,006	247,981	21,582	15,738	61,798	246,540	30,949	145,184
PFMC Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	46,780	50,902	235,421	338,662	47,452	209,231

a/ All non-Indian coho fisheries are mark-selective except the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. September commercial fishery.

b/ Treaty Indian effort is reported as landings.

c/ Numbers shown as Chinook quotas for non-Indian troll and recreational fisheries North of Falcon are guidelines rather than quotas; only the total Chinook allowable catch is a quota.



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Dear Dr. McIsaac,

As we discussed at the Pacific Fishery Management Council's April 2009 meeting, the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) is in the process of revising its management plan. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide PFMC with a brief update on what we've accomplished since April and to provide some information on our next steps. The information referenced in this letter can be viewed in detail at the OCNMS 'Navigating the Future' web page, <http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/protection/mpr/welcome.html>.

At its May meeting the OCNMS Advisory Council (AC) reached consensus on how to move forward with the high priority issues identified during public scoping and the AC's internal issue prioritization process. This agreement is documented in a Priority Issue Work Plan. The priority issues identified in the work plan are:

- Fulfill Treaty Trust Responsibility
- Achieve effective Collaborative and Coordinated Management
- Conduct Collaborative Research, Assessments and Monitoring to Inform Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM)
- Improve Ocean Literacy
- Conserve Natural Resources in the Sanctuary
- Understand the Sanctuary's Cultural, Historical and Socioeconomic Significance

The AC and OCNMS agreed that these issues should be addressed through a combination of staff work, interagency or intergovernmental discussions, working groups and workshops. To date one working group has completed their work, which was to revise OCNMS's goals and objectives. These revised goals and objectives were reviewed by the AC and forwarded to OCNMS with the recommendation that they be adopted. I have accepted the AC's recommendation and the revised goals and objectives will serve to inform the rest of the management plan review process. The revised goals and objectives will be subject to public comment, along with proposed action plans, at the time the draft management plan is published.



We currently have three working groups that are actively meeting. They are chaired by AC members and staffed with national marine sanctuary staff. They are scheduled to complete their work at the end of the calendar year. These working groups are:

- Collaborative Research, Assessment and Monitoring to Inform EBM Working Group
- Living Resource Conservation Working Group
- Spill Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Restoration Working Group

In addition we are working with the AC to hold three workshops:

- Socioeconomic Values of Resources in the Sanctuary Workshop
- Ocean Literacy Workshop
- Maritime Heritage Workshop

The aim of the working groups and workshops is to bring together outside experts in these topics together with sanctuary staff in order to develop specific strategies and activities for inclusion in the draft management plan. These strategies and activities will serve as the foundation of the management plan. Currently, there are approximately 80 outside experts participating in the three working groups; and approximately 190 outside experts are being invited to attend the three workshops.

In addition to staffing the working groups and workshops, OCNMS staff are discussing potential strategies with partner agencies and governments to inform a Collaborative and Coordinated Management action plan, and working on recommendations for a Sanctuary Operations action plan. Preliminary drafts of these documents were presented at the AC's September 2009 meeting.

All recommended strategies and activities – whether developed by working groups, workshops or staff – will be reviewed by the AC at their November 2009 and January 2010 meetings. OCNMS will forward AC recommendations to the IPC for review and comment. OCNMS will consider both AC and IPC comments and recommendations when drafting action plans for the revised management plan. We aim to have these draft action plans completed in time to be able to brief PFMC at its April meeting.

Sincerely,



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