TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2015 OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ANALYSIS

The Council adopted three salmon management alternatives in March, which were published in Preseason Report II and sent out for public review. Summaries of the testimony presented at public hearings will be provided at the meeting in supplemental reports (Agenda Item D.1.c).

In action under this agenda item, the Council must narrow the March management alternatives to a single season recommendation for analysis by the Salmon Technical Team (STT). To allow adequate analysis before final adoption, the tentatively-adopted recommendations should resolve any outstanding conflicts and be as close as possible to the final management measures.

Any agreements by outside parties (e.g., North of Cape Falcon Forum, etc.) to be incorporated into the Council's management recommendations must be presented to the Council prior to adoption of the tentative options. Procedure also stipulates any new alternatives or analyses must be reviewed by the STT and public prior to the Council's final adoption.

Management measures considered for adoption that deviate from Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) objectives will require implementation by emergency rule. If an emergency rule appears to be necessary, the Council must clearly identify and justify the need for such an action consistent with emergency criteria established by the Council (Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1) and National Marine Fisheries Service (Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 2).

The STT will check back with the Council on Sunday, April 12, 2015 (Agenda Item D.3) or at other times to clarify any questions or obvious problems with the tentative measures.

Council Action:

Adopt tentative treaty Indian ocean and non-Indian commercial and recreational management measures for STT collation and analysis.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2015 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations.
- 2. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 1: Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP.
- 3. Agenda Item D.1, Attachment 2: FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules.
- 4. Agenda Item D.1.b, Supplemental Public Hearing Reports 1 through 3: Summary of Public Hearings.

- 5. Agenda Item D.1.e, NMFS Report 1; March 19, 2015 NMFS Memo from Michael O'Farrell to Bob Turner on Potential Sacramento Winter Chinook Impact Rates in 2016 Fisheries
- 6. Agenda Item D.1.e, NMFS Report 2; Incidence of Age-2 Sacramento River Winter Chinook in Ocean Fisheries
- 7. Agenda Item D.1.e, Supplemental SAS Report: Proposed 2015 Ocean Salmon Management Measures For Tentative Adoption.
- 8. Agenda Item D.1.f, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- 1. Tentative Adoption of 2015 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis Mike Burner
 - a. Update of Estimated Impacts of March 2015 Alternatives Robert Kope
 - b. Summary of Public Hearings Hearings Officers
 - c. Recommendations of the U.S. Section of the Pacific Salmon Commission Bob Turner
 - d. Recommendations of the North of Cape Falcon Forum Oregon, Washington, Tribes
 - e. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - f. Public Comment
 - g. Council Action: Adopt Tentative 2015 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

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