

SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES HEARING SUMMARY

Date: March 28, 2017	Hearing Officer: Mr. Marc Gorelnik
Location: Town Hall Fort Bragg, CA	NMFS: Ms. Peggy Mundy
Attendance: 51	Coast Guard: BMCS Ryan Sanford
Testifying: 8	Salmon Technical Team: Mr. Alex Letvin
	Council Staff: Ms. Robin Ehlke
<u>Organizations Represented:</u> Salmon Trollers Marketing Association, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.	

Special Opening Remarks

Mr. Marc Gorelnik provided opening remarks for the hearing. Mr. Alex Letvin of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provided a powerpoint presentation summarizing the recreational and commercial alternatives.

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the eight people testifying:

- Four commented primarily on the commercial troll fishery.
- Four commented primarily on the recreational fishery.

Commercial Troll Comments

- By a show of hands, the majority of attendees representing commercial interests supported Alternative III; one supported Alternative I and no attendees supported Alternative II.
- Salmon Trollers Marketing Association unanimous in support of Alternative III.
- Salmon numbers too low to provide viable fisheries. Prefer to let fish escape and seed the next generation.

Recreational Comments

- By a show of hands, the majority of attendees representing recreational interests supported Alternative III.
- Salmon numbers too low to support any fisheries.

Other Comments

- Rainfall totals bring to question how fish are counted when water levels are high.
- Sport season lengths differ by area - doesn't seem fair.
- Why fish at all with stocks so low.

- Salmon numbers don't support any fishing. Seasons have been shut down for years with salmon numbers higher than these.
- By-catch of cod and other species is high, should be able to keep everything intercepted when fishing with mortality so high.
- Sacramento Valley has no bugs, worms, etc. for fish to survive on, plus predators like Striped Bass deplete abundance of salmon.
- High-seas intercepts of salmon needs to be investigated.
- No problems with the ocean.
- Should be able to keep some coho, apply a ratio for every King kept.

Written Statements (Attached)

None were submitted at the hearing.

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