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From: **Hoover, Ben** <bhoover@morrisgarritano.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 15, 2018 at 12:56 PM
Subject: Comments on Salmon Season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To Whom It May Concern,

PLEASE support Alternative One for the Salmon Season which will allow for the Monterey region to remain open from 4/7 to 7/31.

The non commercial salmon fisherman has not been able to experience any sort of manageable salmon season in many years. The ocean conditions are nearly non fishable until June. In addition, we rarely see any salmon approach our area until June. To have the season close any earlier than 7/31 basically eliminates any chance for the private boater to get out and experience such an enjoyable fishing experience.

The private boater is only allowed to catch so few fish that they have minimal impact on the fishery when compared to the commercial fisherman.

PLEASE keep the season open until 7/31.

Thank you!

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#2

From: **Haynes, Ronald** <ronald.haynes@hpe.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 3:18 PM
Subject: South Coast - Brookings Salmon Season Option (ONE)
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Council Members,

As a resident & sports fisherman of Brookings I would like to cast a Vote for Option (1).

A Vote for Option 1 for the Oregon side of the Klamath Management Zone, which would allow sport fishing for salmon May 19-Aug. 26.
With a season open seven days a week this would have a Great Positive Revenue impact on Harbour, Brookings, and Gold Beach businesses.

I would also expect the fish counters would keep a close eye and count on the fish caught and released, reporting these numbers promptly would allow the ODFG.

Please consider this as my personal vote for option 1 - One
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#3

From: **Ben Boorman** <boorman56@verizon.net>

Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 5:28 PM

Subject: Brookings area salmon fishery.

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please consider all points of view in your decision. Use science in your decision. But whatever you do, open it up for what you guys are calling option 1.

Possible oxymoron there, but... The economy here could really use it.

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#4

From: **Don Williams** <fishermandon1954@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 7:14 PM

Subject: 2018 Salmon season options off Brookings Ore

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear council members,

I would like you to consider option 1 for the Oregon part of the Klamath Management Zone which allows for sport fishing from May 19th through Aug 22nd, 7 days a week.

I am a retired and have been an Oregonian all my life, I moved to the Brookings area a few years ago to enjoy the beautiful area and fulfill my passion for fishing. Last year the ocean closure was a tough one for the recreational fisherman, the commercial fishery and the local community. I am just one person but I contribute to the local economy with fuel sales, bait and tackle purchases and when friends come to fish they stay in local motels and support local eateries.

The option 1 would allow me the opportunity to spend time on the ocean doing what I love, and with the 7 day per week season I can fish when the weather is good . There have been some seasons that the NW winds blow sometimes for 2 or 3 weeks without a break, limiting the fishing days.

I enjoy every experience I have when I go fishing, it not all about catching but being able to spend time on the ocean, I love it. Spending time with my family and friends with the opportunity to catch one of our most incredible fish is one I look forward to each year.

Please consider the Option 1 for sport salmon fishing and I also support the commercial season proposal.

Thank you for your time

Don Williams

#5

From: **Michael** <seacap26@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 8:13 PM

Subject: Salmon-Recreational Management Alternatives

To: PFMC Comments - NOAA Service Account <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my recommendation for **Recreational Management Alternative I** for all areas south of the California/Oregon border. This alternative strikes the best balance between protecting the ESA listed Coho salmon in the Rogue and Klamath Rivers and allowing recreational anglers as much time on the water as possible. Moreover, the 24" minimum south of Pigeon Point, CA adequately assists the conservation goals of the Winter Run salmon fishery. Water mismanagement, at least in California, is the real reason our salmon seasons need to be constrained. It is unfair to further punish recreational fishermen and the businesses that depend on them. All in all, I believe Alternative I establishes the optimal balance between the protecting the various salmon

runs and providing recreational anglers with the most opportunity to fish. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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#6

From: <bstnwaler21@aol.com>
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Subject: 2018 Salmon Season Alternative 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

As a 68 year old salmon fisherman I have seen many changes in our fishery...we ARE going thru tough times now and drastic measures are truly needed..that said and having followed the process unfold I would hope you could approve Alternative 1....it helps the fishery and also allows for a decent salmon season. Thank you for your work.

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#7

From: robb ellis <i520865@thegrid.net>
Date: Sun, Mar 18, 2018 at 9:56 AM
Subject: salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

I want to comment on the upcoming decision on our salmon season below pigeon point. Three things that should help to influence your decisions are:

#1 - I pulled up the historical data from the [ndbc.noaa](http://ndbc.noaa.gov) site for average wind speeds and wind gusts for our area using the 46028 (cape san martin) bouy. April, May and June winds average 22-25 knots with gusts averaging almost 30 knots. These numbers cannot be disputed. Pure and simple we cannot get out to go fishing every day. The coast guard will close the bar at Morro Bay. They will not let us out with small craft advisories.

Our season is truly decided by the weather.

#2- There will be a tremendous loss of revenue for the launch ramps from Avila Beach to Santa Cruz. All these facilities not only have income from the ramps but from the surrounding businesses as well. The point I want to make here is that, not everybody uses these facilities to capitalize on the salmon fishery. We might try for salmon for a few hours then we go fish for a halibut or rockfish. But it's a shot at a salmon that gets us to the ramp. Clearly, I wouldn't be as inclined to go fishing without a salmon season.

#3- The thousands of commercial guys have bigger boats that can fish in heavy seas. They have the ability to take far more fish because they can get out in these big winds. It makes more sense to limit the commercial fishery than it does to limit the sport fishery. I know it hurts their income, but I build houses for a living. When everything crashed in 2008, I still got by. I toughed it out. Every business is subject to new regulations. For most of us, sport fishing isn't a business but we support those that have sport fishing businesses.

I'm all for the 4/7 to 7/31 sport season. It's good for business and it allows us to look for a safe day to go fishing. While it sounds like a long season, we really only get maybe 25% or 1 month of nice days to fish for salmon out of 4 months.

Thank you

Robb Ellis
Morro Bay

#8

From: **john bloom** <johnbloom8@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 16, 2018 at 4:37 PM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

I would like to go on record as favoring option 1, regarding the 2018 Salmon season out of Brookings, Or.

Thank you,
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#9

From: **Tim McRitchie** <tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Salmon season
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

Option 1 is the obvious choice for the season here in California, opening on June 11 and hopefully staying open through the end of the season, (October or November). We deserve to have a season that is continuous once it opens, if we lose April and May, so be it. We have lost enough of the season over the last number of years, give us a break.
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#10

From: **Travis Hider** <t.hider@hotmail.com>
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Subject: 2018 California Recreational Salmon Season
To: "pmmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pmmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council:

I am a recreational ocean salmon fisherman from San Jose, CA. As a father of 3 young anglers I understand the tremendous need for conservation and the importance of teaching the next generation about it. As importantly, we need the opportunity to pass on the tradition, techniques and the excitement of a salmon fishery to this generation, which will be the leaders in sustaining this fishery in the future.

That is why as a part of the public comments stage, I am writing to **strongly support the approval of California Recreational Alternative 1** for the 2018 salmon season. After carefully reviewing all three alternatives, it is clear that California Recreational Alternative 1 achieves all of the conservation criteria required,

with **151,000** Sacramento River returning adults, while 122,000 is the minimum. This alternative also provides for the most opportunity and greatest economic value.

Also, being that I live and fish the majority of the time in the Monterey region, I see **Alternative 2 and 3 being well too restrictive and punishing**. Not only do recreational fishermen suffer, but local small businesses, bait shops, charter operators and harbor operations as well. With the Monterey region only making up about 10% of the total catch in the 2017 California ocean salmon season, we deserve the opportunity to pursue this fishery along with the other regions.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and for your commitment to our fisheries.

Sincerely,

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#11

From: **Paul Alexander** <palexanderfish@aol.com>
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Subject: Mass-marking Salmon
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

March 19, 2018

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Dear Director Tracy and Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

Thank you for your time. This comment is in regards to the mass-marking of hatchery salmon, and its objective to help restore wild salmon. After over twenty years this experiment is not working. If anything, mass-marking is hurting wild salmon recovery efforts. The money spent on mass-marking would be better spent increasing hatchery production, restoring lost habitat, reinstating hatch-box programs, and integrating new technology in helping fish bypass dams?

The Rogue River is a great example of strong returns. The Columbia River could be the same, if they would just stop mass-marking hatchery fish. I would like to see the mass-marking of fish terminated and hatchery production increased and fishermen allowed to keep their first fish.

Thank you for your consideration of these thoughts.

Sincerely,

Paul Alexander

#12

From: <phdonohoe@aol.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 8:08 AM
Subject: Salmon season Option 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

My name is Patrick Donohoe and I recreation fish for salmon in the SF bay area. I have read the alternatives for the

upcoming 2018 salmon season and support Option 1 as the only option that supports the people and businesses who's livelihood is directly tied to the sport fishing season. Any of the other alternatives will have a detrimental impact on the businesses and fishermen and women that sport fish for salmon. I understand the need for salmon escapement to propagate the species however no matter how large the escapement with all the water diversions the number of salmon available will be greatly impacted. I would respectfully request that more scrutiny be placed on water diversions during salmon ingress and egress than penalizing the sport and commercial fisheries.

Thank you
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#13
From: **Cydney Jones** <cyd@mac.com>
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Subject: Pacific Salmon Fisheries
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear PFMC,

We would like to support the closure of all (commercial and sport) salmon fishing along the whole Pacific coast. We are concerned that without immediate and drastic measures the salmon species that call the Pacific Ocean home, won't have an opportunity to rebuild their populations to sustainable numbers.

During this moratorium, we encourage the Council to review fishing methods and regulations. We personally favor permits that allow for designated fishery areas. This would help to alleviate the pressure of intense, spot fishing pressure that occurs when a large fleet targets a species at the opening of a season and help spread the fishing across the season, giving the fish a sporting chance to recover and flourish.

Sincerely,

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#14
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Subject: Salmon Comment
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I am a commercial fisherman harbored in Santa Cruz, California. Salmon is my primary fishery. I travel up and down the California coast as the salmon migrate and the season structure allows.

The 2018 salmon options, even the most liberal Option I, does not allow enough time-on-the-water to make this season economically justifiable. Eighty total days, which half will be lost to weather, off-loading, re-loading and running time, is not enough to cover fixed and operational expenses.

I understand the CA Fish and Wildlife's strategy to accelerate rebuilding the Sacramento Fall Run Chinook (SFRC) stock. NMSF's lack of specific guidance for the SFRC adds uncertainty for the fleet to expend capital that likely cannot be recouped. My concern is the strategy to accelerate SFRC at a 151,000 escapement (option I guidance) for

natural spawners does not assure the managers of the dam system will provide water. They dried up the runs in 2015, with a spawner escapement of over 200,000. As a result the salmon fishing interests are required to curtail their activities this year.

I am offering a fourth option which meets or exceeds guidance for the Sacramento Winter Run Chinook (14.4% impact) and Klamath Fall Run Chinook (40,700 natural adult spawners) stocks. This option's SFRC natural spawner escapement is 125,494 fish which is above the minimum floor of 122,000. This option provides access to key areas of historically high potential for the commercial fleet, balances availability to the Fort Bragg, San Francisco, and Monterey zones, and provides the recreation ocean fishery nearly a full season May through October with a traditional 60-40 split between ocean commercial and recreational interests respectively.

No change was made to the existing Oregon commercial or recreational structure as published in Option I due to their challenging Coho issues.

Commercial:

CA KMZ

June quota of 3,000 salmon

July quota of 2,000 salmon

August quota of 1,500 salmon

Same boiler plate verbiage as existing option one

Ft Bragg Zone

May 15 through May 31

July 1 through July 15

September 1 through September 30

San Francisco Zone

June 15 through June 30

August 1 through August 29

September 1 through September 30

Pt Reyes to Pt San Pedro (Fall Target Zone)

October 1-5 and October 8-12

Monterey Zone

May 1 through June 30

Recreation:

CA KMZ

June 20 through July 31

August 20 through September 3

Ft Bragg Zone

April 1 through October 31

San Francisco Zone

April 1 through October 31

Monterey Zone

April 1 through July 31

I request the Council direct the SST to analyze this option in terms of how much recruitment is needed to achieve future impact goals considering favorable in-water and ocean conditions. What is the time difference of recovery with 125,494 escapement versus 151,000, 165,000 and 180,000? And, what are the economic impacts to the industries and communities which support ocean salmon fishing?

In the end, I'm hopeful the Council will find the high risk of losing more infrastructure and participants in the California ocean salmon fishery is greater than accelerating a recovery plan which assumes outside variables, such as the dam operators, will meet their obligations. Please consider adopting this option.

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#15

From: **Robert Siano** <robert.siano197@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 11:21 AM
Subject: Against Options 2 & 3 Recreational Fisherman
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in to oppose options 2 and 3 for the coming salmon season here in California and vote to move forward with option 1. As a young fisherman and a new father I really would like to see this salmon fishery grow to where my daughter will have a great chance at catching her first salmon so I feel alternative 1 will help with the current demands the fishery is facing.

Thank You,
Robert Siano