

#1

From: **jimmy phillips** <phillipsjime@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 4:48 PM
Subject: Proposed 4th option for 2018 commercial salmon season.
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Hello. I am a commercial fisherman residing in Halfmoon Bay, CA. It has been put to my attention that a fellow commercial fisherman has drafted an option 4 which meets escapement requirements. I/we implore you to consider this option 4. We all have family's to support and given the hardships befallen on our fisheries recently we deserve a chance to make ourselves whole. This is not greed but our livelihoods. The weather/Mother Nature does a fine job of keeping us off the water. We never get to fish wide open in the spring because of northwest winds. The commercial pressure these days is not what it once was and many commercial fisherman hardly travel outside of their respective ports. Impacts are greatly lower because of all these things mentioned above.

Please keep all of this in mind when considering our fate's.

Thank you kindly:
Jimmy Phillips. F/V Juliet

#2

From: <jmkoeppen@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 9:05 PM
Subject: 2018 Salmon Season Option 4
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Dave Bitts <dbitts@suddenlink.net>, "Alkinson, John" <newrayann@comcast.net>, Jim Yarnall <jimyarnall@gmail.com>, Marc Gorelnik <marc@gorelniklaw.com>, "Bradshaw, George" <georgebradshaw707@gmail.com>

Following is a copy of my original public comments with a few minor changes as follows:

Paragraph three, CA F&W's position is more clearly stated
Recreational fishery in Ft. Bragg and San Francisco zones starts May 1
Recreational fishery in Monterey zone starts April 7

If possible, please substitute the original submission on Monday, March 19 with the following. Thank you.
John Koeppen

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 interpretation of NMFS' 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 reds 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

May 1 through October 31

San Francisco Zone

May 1 through October 31

Monterey Zone

April 7 through July 31

I request the Council directs 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 verses 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.

John Koeppen

F/V Lulu

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#3

From: **DUANE WINTER** <captaindew@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 10:01 PM
Subject: Salmon 2018
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To whom it may concern:

I am a charter boat captain and I am very concerned about our current salmon situation. It seems to me that fishermen always take the hit for the bad water politics in this state. Salmon need cold, clean water to be able to spawn the future generations.

I have been involved in projects to help our salmon and it is obvious to me that given the demand on water we need to do more to help salmon survive. I am a member of Coastside Fishing Club and we have a pen project to release salmon from Pillar Point Harbor. We will be doing another 720,00 smolt this year. Our return rates have lead the state every year in adult returns. We need to look at what is working and do more of it. Trucking works, Pen projects work, now water for our salmon DOSE NOT WORK!

All this being said I would like to vote for option 1 in the San Francisco area. It will have minimal impact but still give us at least something to look forward to.

My business will suffer as well as many business that need salmon to survive. Let's not let it get worse.

Captain Duane Winter
Mooch Better Fishing
[650-888-5125](tel:650-888-5125)

#4

From: **Jm S** <JEANMICHELS@msn.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 1:43 PM
Subject: Salmon season Ca: Alternative one is the clear choice
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Good Day,

I support:

Alternative one – achieve 151,000 Sacramento adult escapees
CA Klamath – open 6/20 – 7/31, 8/20 – 9/3, with a 20 inch size limit
Fort Bragg – open 7/15 -- 10/31, with a 20 inch size limit
San Francisco – open 6/9 -- 10/31, with a 20 inch size limit
Monterey – open 4/7 -- 7/31, with a 24 inch size limit

Thank you very much,
Jean-Michel Sicaud
1710 Wickham Rd
San Jose, CA 95132

#5

From: **Sean Adams** <swafish@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 8:02 AM
Subject: Option 4
To: Pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern, I am a commercial Salmon fisherman who lives in the Santa Cruz area. I strongly encourage the council to adopt option 4. I feel the impact to the overall escapement will be minimal, but the impact of a two week season will be disastrous on many levels. Please consider option 4 . Thank you, Sean Adams.

#6

Sitts, Michael (MikeSitts) <MikeSitts@chevron.com>

PFMC public comments on 2018 salmon management alternatives

For inclusion in March 26-27, 2018 Public Hearings

As a Coastside Fishing Club member and master mariner from the San Francisco area I am deeply concerned that our opportunity to catch and share salmon fishing with our family and friends will be significantly diminished this season. In addition, the economic benefits derived from our pursuit of these iconic fish, estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars, will fall steeply with harm felt by thousands of businesses including charter boat operators, mom and pop bait and tackle shops, and harbor operations up and down the coast. Along with the recreational opportunity lost for family and friends.

The salmon stocks of the Sacramento River are the lifeblood of California and Oregon fisheries. While their depressed status is the result of inland water management practices, it is the fishermen, sportsmen, and recreational boating community that are losing a big chunk of their season in order to rebuild these stocks.

As a lifelong professional mariner and sports fisherman, I understand the importance to support the rebuilding of these fish stocks, but civil society should note the unwise inland water policies, aggravated by the drought, caused the low return of spawning adults adding that until salmon receive adequate flows of cold water in their spawning and rearing areas, salmon abundance will remain low regardless of whether fishing is allowed or not. Continuing to ask fishermen, sportsmen, friends and family in the boating community to carry the burden of fixing a problem they did not create is unjustified. Therefore, I believe the salmon ocean fishery off San Francisco should open as previously scheduled on April 7th, 2018.

However, faced with choosing one of the 2018 salmon recreational management alternatives presented by the PFMC for the waters offshore San Francisco area, I would prefer alternative 1 as best meeting the objectives.

Regards

Capt. Mike Sitts

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#7

From: **jimmy phillips** <phillipsjime@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 9:05 PM

Subject: Hello: Regarding Option #4 2018 salmon management.

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Hello. I am a commercial fisherman residing in Halfmoon Bay, CA. It has been put to my attention that a fellow commercial fisherman has drafted an option 4 which meets escapement requirements. I/we implore you to consider this option 4. We all have family's to support and given the hardships befallen on our fisheries recently we deserve a chance to make ourselves whole. This is not greed but our livelihoods. The weather/Mother Nature does a fine job of keeping us off the water. We never get to fish wide open in the spring because of northwest winds. The commercial pressure these days is not what it once was and many commercial fisherman hardly travel outside of their respective ports. Impacts are greatly lower because of all these things mentioned above.

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Thank you kindly:

Jimmy Phillips. F/V Juliet

#8

From: **Scott Ed** <scottjamesedson@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 8:45 PM

Subject: Option 4 salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I as a commercial fisherman, support option 4 described by John koeppen

#9

From: **Scott Ed** <scottjamesedson@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 8:44 PM

Subject: Commercial salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I support option 4, as described by John koeppen

#10

From: <mark@michoacanlv.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 10:31 AM

Subject: 2018 Salmon Season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I have visited Brookings and Gold Beach for the last 11 summers. I love both river and ocean salmon fishing. My wife and I are moving to Brookings this year from Las Vegas. I strongly support Option #1 for this years Salmon Ocean Fishing.

Mark Berry

Owner

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#11

From: <hilgers33@comcast.net>

Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 9:07 AM

Subject: Salmon Season Alternative #1

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to ask that you vote for alternative #1 for the 2018 salmon season. I feel that alternative #1 is the most fair and balanced option based on the evidence that has been thus far presented to the public. Creating an alternative that meets both scientific as well as economic concerns should be at the forefront of the decision making process. I feel that options # 2 and #3 are completely unwarranted, and would create undue economic hardships for many stakeholders. The Monterey Bay area has been suffering in recent years due to a lack of fishing opportunities. Alternative #1 is a necessity to keep this once thriving fishing community from becoming a thing of the past. Please consider that many stakeholders feel the same way as I do, but do not have the opportunity to share their opinions with you. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

David Hilger

Aptos, Ca.

#12

From: <davidrenner@cox.net>

Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 7:37 AM

Subject: Salmon seasonor lack there of.

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

As a licensed recreational sport fisherman, a California tax paying, legal, voting resident in good standing.....I support the Alternative 1 option.

sincerely,
David Renner

#13

From: **Krishna Dole** <dontfall@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 9:57 PM

Subject: 2018 CA salmon season alternatives

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear PFMC,

I am an avid salmon angler from San Mateo, California. I would like to voice my support for alternative number one for this season.

Krishna

#14

From: **Marilee Cannia** <tcannia@comcast.net>

Date: Wed, Mar 21, 2018 at 7:41 PM

Subject: John Koeppen's proposed Option #4 for 2018 Commercial Salmon Season

To: PFMC.comments@noaa.gov

Cc: jmkoeppen@comcast.net

To: PFMC

From: Tony Cannia,

F/V Marilee

Fort Bragg, CA

Please consider John Koeppen's proposed Option #4 for the 2018 salmon season. The first three options do not allow enough fishing time for the commercial fleet. John's proposed Option #4 allows for a bit more time and spreads the fishing out along the Northern California Coast.

It's obvious the commercial fleet has dwindled from previous years as its become more and more difficult to make a living.

We are painfully aware, sport fishermen are given far more time on the water and are allowed to catch smaller salmon. We know they landed significantly more fish than commercial fishermen last year.

Short openers of a week (i.e. San Francisco, June 11-17)are potentially 'no openers' if the weather is bad and can be dangerous for desperate commercial fishermen trying to make a living.

We know the KMZ would likely be a very productive area and ought to be opened. Apparently you need data from that area so by all means give fishermen a chance to give you some.

We all benefit from a viable season for California commercial salmon fishermen - not just fishermen - all people and businesses associated with it.

Let's work together to make this a safe and successful salmon season.

#15

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March 20, 2018

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Dear Council Members,

The Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Commissioners supports Alternative 1 for the recreational ocean salmon season in the Klamath Management Zone, as well as Alternative 1 for the commercial troll fishery on the Oregon side of the Klamath Management Zone.

Sport salmon fishing is an important part of the economy of the Oregon Coast, especially out of Brookings, which at times has the highest sport landings of sport-caught salmon in the ocean in Oregon. Salmon fishing is not only important for businesses that cater to visitors to the coast, but also local residents who rely on ocean seasons for recreation and to catch fish to eat. Brookings is often the preferred ocean port for residents of inland communities, such as Grants Pass, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Yreka, Alturas and Redding, and a season that spans several months is vital for planning vacations and providing an opportunity to fish when salmon are present off the coast of Brookings.

Many local families also rely on commercial fishing for their livelihood.

Last year's ocean salmon closure off of Brookings not only had negative impacts on the local economy, it also shifted more pressure on rockfish stocks, which in part led to the abrupt in-season closure of bottom fishing.

With a rebound in Klamath River fall chinook salmon, as well as continued healthy populations of Rogue River fall chinook salmon, Alternative 1 would provide fishing opportunities for sport and commercial fishing while still providing escapement for Sacramento, Klamath and Rogue fall chinook stocks, as well as Rogue-Klamath coho. These options would have the greatest economic impact for the Brookings area, and give local and visiting anglers the best opportunity to fish for, and catch salmon, out of the Port of Brookings Harbor.

Sincerely,

Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Commissioners

#16

From: **Lyman Chan** <lyman.chan@oracle.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 11:45 AM
Subject: Supporting Alt 1 for the upcoming salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To Whom it May Concern

The unbalanced cost-benefit relationship between these greatly reduced seasons and the conservation objectives, as the basis for advocating for Alternative One, saying “recreational fishermen are stepping up to support an increasing the number of spawning salmon from 122,000 to 151,000 with the hope that their sacrifices will provide a positive outcome while still providing for some minimal fishing opportunity. However, there’s no evidence that reduced fishing days and loss of economic benefits from the other two season alternatives will actually help rebuild these stocks.

I do not support Alt 2 or 3.

Thank you for your consideration.

#17

Brian McLachlan <bamclachlan@hotmail.com>

12:46 PM (1 minute ago)

to pfmc.comments, fiskare, dmlowman01, j.chris.kern, Tucker, Eric.D.Schindl., me

Dear Sir or Madame:

Thank you for considering these comments regarding the 2018 recreational management alternatives for non-Indian ocean salmon fishing between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain.

I am a recreation fisher, residing in Portland, and fishing primarily out of a private boat from the port of Garibaldi on the north Oregon coast.

Of the Alternatives adopted by the Council for this area, I prefer Alternative II over Alternative I, and strongly prefer either Alternative II or I over Alternative III.

Alternative II (which provides for a mark-selective coho fishery from June 30 to the earlier of September 3, or a landed catch of 40,000 marked coho) will allow for the largest harvest of coho among the alternatives and provides for the longest open season for coho retention. A longer season – with less chance of an early closure – will allow recreational fishers to better plan their participation in this fishery and avoid a “race to fish” mentality due to concerns that quotas will be filled and the fishery closed.

In addition, an open coho season during July and August along the Oregon Coast south of Cape Falcon may reduce fishing effort directed at near-shore rockfish. There is significant concern this year that near-shore rockfish quotas may be met early and the fishery closed prematurely unless fishers direct their efforts elsewhere, such as to coho, tuna, and, if approved, long-leader deep water rockfish. Furthermore, an open coho fishery extending through August may provide an alternative to the popular Buoy 10 fishery, which may see significant season reductions this year.

Alternative II also provides more conservation benefits than the other Alternatives because it makes greater use of mark-selective regulations, and thereby may be expected to remove more hatchery fish in proportion to natural-origin fish and result, at least marginally, in less hatchery fish impacts on ESA-listed wild stocks (via PHOS and density dependence impacts). This conservation benefit will likely accrue primarily to Columbia River natural-origin coho stocks where PHOS numbers are high relative to conservation targets.

Finally, my concern with Alternative III is that compared to the other Alternatives it will provide (1) the shortest recreational coho season, (2) the lowest recreational coho harvest, (3) no coho season during July or August, which

will likely lead to greater fishing effort directed at inshore rockfish and a higher potential for inshore rockfish quotas to be met and seasons closed, (4) considerable uncertainty regarding how long the coho season will be open and a resulting "race to fish" (as we saw last year), and (5) less conservation benefits because it does not include a mark-selective fishery component that selectively removes hatchery coho.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Best regards,

#18

From: **Jim Moser** <tradewind39@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 7:30 AM
Subject: 2018 commercial salmon season OPTION 4,
To: "pmmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pmmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To whom it concerns,

As a commercial Salmon Fisherman for the last 45 years operating out of Santa Cruz and Moss Landing but traveling up and down the coast to find the fish in any given time or season available to me I see options 1, 2 or 3 presented to us as a financial disaster. I don't mind traveling but thinking of relocating up to the KMZ to just day fish for a daily limit for maybe a few days each month is not productive. Our local communities and business's need our fishermen producing during the time when fish are in local waters, not at the end of the season when typically the fish have migrated out of the area. Last year there was an abundance of small fish in the ocean up and down the California coast that should be legal harvestable fish this year. Saving all these fish to die in a compromised river system is ludicrous.

If your job is to save the Salmon, then please use your power to keep water in our rivers and promote better smolt release options that have proven to be effective at increasing survival rate. Hooks are not the problem, it's the water and hatchery management that you need to address. This proposed season could be the end of many small business operators and the support business's that survive from them. Please think about giving us some time and area that might be productive, these fish are elusive and the ocean is large. It is expensive to outfit to go fishing, so fishing for a few days, or weeks off and on, is costly for people trying to make a living doing this.

There is an option 4 that is being proposed that I totally support, it would at least give us a chance to make a living. We always have the weather to contend with and the moods of the fish, as you might not know the fish are moody and we are using a few barbless hooks in a large ocean, it's not like we are sitting in front of the river with gillnets trying to catch everything in the water, they have a choice to bite our hooks so I am sure plenty will survive to fulfill the hatcheries needs. No sense in letting tons of fish die in hot river beds. Fix the water first, don't kill the industry.

Thanks for your consideration,

Jim and Sheila Moser F/V Tradewind Santa Cruz, Ca

#19

From: **Dana Amundsen** <dpamundsen@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 9:41 PM
Subject: California Recreational Salmon Season
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

3/23/18

Dear Council Members,

As president of Golden Gate Fisherman's Association representing Northern California charter boats I would like to recommend options providing the most time on the water for all areas.

Most commercial passenger fishing vessels operating from coastal harbors target salmon during the summer and early fall months. Closures during this time period will definitely cause a severe economic hardship for our businesses and vessels up and down the coast.

Our clients travel to the coast from all parts of California and beyond patronizing many businesses along the way with the hope of taking fresh king salmon home to their families. Please consider this in your season setting management process.

Thank you,
Richard Powers
President G.G.F.A.

#20
From: **Tim McRitchie** <tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 9:10 AM
Subject: 2018 salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Option one for sure!
James burke
san Rafael 94903
jamesburke8831@comcast.net

#21
From: **Tim McRitchie** <tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 8:45 AM
Subject: Salmon season 2018
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

The only option that makes sense is option one.
Michelle Richardson
Petaluma, California

#22
From: **Tom Dolan** <tom@montereybaycharters.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 4:55 AM
Subject: Real salmon stock science
To: mike.burner@noaa.gov

John, please forward this onto the contact for representing recreational salmon fishing. Thank you, Tom Dolan / MEGA-BITE

This will probably never get read but at least I can get it off my chest.

Incredible to me how the salmon fishery is mismanaged by seemingly over educated and under experienced staff. My Customers and I are very upset that for some, obviously erroneous, reason you folks had an emergency shut down of salmon fishing south of Pigeon Point last year. BUT... north of Pigeon Point was able to fish through the rest of their scheduled season. The people out of Half Moon Bay and north got to fish while we in Santa Cruz and south got to watch the fish reports. It looked as though they had one of their best seasons in over 15 years.

To make matters worse we were still catching salmon in Santa Cruz with rockcod rigs and had to let the fish go because we were not allowed to keep them. Even when they were bleeding and inevitable they were going to die we released them.

I am tired of the over-regulated under-thought-out fish management WE are paying you people to provide. I wish there was something we could do to wake you people up and see what really is going on in the wild. I'm on the water at least 200 days a year. I doubt if anyone in the salmon management group has any real on the water time

close to that. You want to know what's going on in the ocean then ask a fisherman! Get yer heads out of your computers and look outside your box.

Tom Dolan
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Monterey Bay Charters and
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Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor
S-Dock Slip-22

#23

From: <stevengeorgex@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 11:09 PM
Subject: Support for California Recreational Alternative 1
To: pfmt.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

I am a recreational ocean salmon fisherman from Burlingame, CA. I am writing to inform you that I strongly support the approval of California Recreational Alternative 1 for the 2018 salmon season. After carefully reviewing all 3 alternatives, it is clear that California Recreational Alternative 1 achieves all of the conservation criteria while providing for the most opportunity and greatest economic value.

#24

From: **Steven Xanthopoulos** <stevengeorgex@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 29, 2017 at 9:47 AM
Subject: Support for California Recreational Alternative 1
To: pfmt.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council,

I am a recreational ocean salmon fisherman from Burlingame, CA. I am writing to inform you that I strongly support the approval of California Recreational Alternative 1 for the 2017 salmon season. After carefully reviewing all 3 alternatives, it is clear that California Recreational Alternative 1 achieves all of the conservation criteria while providing for the most opportunity and greatest economic value--from \$16-50+ million in direct sales in California alone.

I was very surprised to see the details of alternative 3, as it provides minimal protection to the Klamath fall run Chinook genetic substocks, but dramatically reduces our opportunity to pursue our target fish (Sacramento fall run Chinook).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Xanthopoulos

#25

From: **Austin Balk** <austin.balk@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 9:03 PM
Subject: 2018 California salmon alternatives
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for Alternative 1 for the 2018 California recreational salmon season. Furthermore, I urge for an increased focus on habitat restoration and increased water flows in the Sacramento Delta, as this will provide an even greater benefit to the salmon populations.

Thanks.
Austin Balk

#26

From: **Mary Burrell** <mary_burrell@comcast.net>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 4:50 PM
Subject: Salmon fishing
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov"

Alternative 2

#27

From: **Karl Kobler** <Karl.Kobler@summitfunding.net>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 3:09 PM
Subject: california salmon season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I vote for alternative #1! J

KARL KOBLER

#28

From: **Jack A. Rauch** <jarlaw@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 2:40 PM
Subject: 2018 Recreational Salmon Season San Francisco
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov"

I am a 75 year old retired attorney and have fished in California ocean waters for almost 70 years. During the salmon season I try and get out once a week on my own boat. Recreational fishing is a wonderful activity for families and persons of all ages. It teaches many wonderful life skills with very little downside.

I am a member of Coastside Fishing Club, Golden Gate Fisherman's Association and Golden Gate Salmon Association, but speak here for myself. In trying to keep up with the issues in setting the season it appears that the methodology hasn't kept up with the reality of our fishery. For better or worse our fishery is more dependent on the success of the hatcheries, and particularly smolt transport to release situations where there is a maximum opportunity for successful survival. Often those fish do not return to the river, but to the place of release. If those fish are not counted in the escapement numbers the Ocean abundance numbers are not accurate. Witness last year when fishing was much better than the abundance would have predicted.

This may not be the perfect situation, but it is a good solution to our situation where in a global economy where our ag exports are very important, where the population is growing but our water infrastructure has not kept pace. It is a win win solution. One should never sacrifice the good for the perfect. I urge recreational fisherman be given the maximum season. For San Francisco region I believe that is Alternative One. Thank you.

#29

From: **Stephen Burrell** <stephenburrell@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 2:29 PM
Subject: Salmón season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Good day! I vote for alternative 1. I live and fish out of Noyo. Last year we did not really have a season. The time should be divided equally to be fair. My brother and buddies also fish out eureka and noyo. It is a hardship to tow that far. Please make an equitable decision.

#30

From: **mokelumnebill** <mokelumnebill@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Option 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I like option 1

#31

From: **The Lee's** <dddwnlee@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 11:58 AM
Subject: Recreational Sport Season Salmon Alternative Draft
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Pacific Fishery Management Council,

I support Alt. 1 as it meets minimum escapement goals and allows for the most opportunity for time on the water for the San Francisco area.

Thank You for your consideration.

David Lee
[148 Franciscan Dr. Danville CA 94526](#)

#32

From: **Ben** <ben_dixon@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 10:28 AM
Subject: Salmon Alternatives out for public comment
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

As a long time fisherman in Fort Bragg, I recommend and indorse Alternative 02.
Thank you, Ben Dixon, Noyo Fisherman.

#33

From: **Ron Mason** <ronlmason@comcast.net>
Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 8:55 PM
Subject: Salmon Season Alternatives choice for Falcon to Humbug
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To: PFMC

Re: Salmon Season Alternatives choice for Falcon to Humbug

Alternative I is my choice of seasons for the following reasons:

For chinook, it's the least restrictive season and from all I've read and been told, the recreational impact on chinook in the ocean from Falcon to Humbug is very small and basically negligible in comparison to the total impact, including commercial.

For coho, the 20,000 quota is more than has been caught in the selective coho season for at least the past 3 years and combined with the 4,500 quota in the non-selective fishery gives the best opportunity for the recreational fishermen. I'm told the restrictions on the North of Falcon fisheries are partly the reason for the 40,000 quota in Alt II meeting the conditions in the model and IMO the recreational angler catch isn't likely to approach that quota given the forecasts for ocean coho this year. Alternative II has only the last 12 days of August more than Alternative I for days to fish, but in those 12 days the percentage of marked fish will be low, possibly very low, South of Falcon. Alternative III has two very serious flaws, it will not take many of the hatchery coho out of the ocean this year plus the summer selective coho fishery has participation by many fishermen and their families as part of their summer vacation. Since all three Alternatives meet the conditions in the model, I see no reason why Alternative I should not be chosen.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.
Ron Mason
Corvallis and Newport, OR

#34

From: **Noah Oppenheim** <noah@ifrfish.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 1:36 PM
Subject: PCFFA support for commercial salmon troll season Alternative 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

On behalf of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and each of our members who rely on healthy and sustainable West Coast fisheries, I write to express support for the adoption of the commercial salmon troll season Alternative 1.

PCFFA believes that of the three alternatives, solely Alternative 1 would provide the balance of conservation measures with fishing opportunity required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act and pursuant to the overarching goals of the National Marine Fisheries Service. It is our understanding and belief that the target of 151,000 adult fish returning to the Sacramento River, the primary constraint around which the Alternatives are based, is sufficiently conservative to allow for sustainable commercial harvest.

Alternative 1 is, quite simply, the only one in the bunch that will allow commercial fisheries to operate in California. Dozens of fishermen have reported to me that it would not be cost effective to gear up for salmon this summer unless their fishing opportunity resembled Alternative 1. While the opportunity to harvest Chinook salmon in the KMZ is a welcome development, it is little comfort to the majority of salmon fishermen located far to the south who will not be participating unless they are also provided opportunity closer to home.

In order to sustain the coastal communities of the West Coast and the resources on which they depend, please select Alternative 1.

Sincerely,
Noah Oppenheim

#35

From: **Andy Martin** <wilddriversfishing@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 2:42 PM
Subject: Comments on ocean salmon season options
To: [Pfmccomments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

The Board of Directors of the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce unanimously approved this letter regarding the ocean salmon seasons.

Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce
[603 Hemlock Street](#)
[Brookings, OR 97416](#)

March 16, 2018

Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR 97220-1384
Pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council Members,

Sport and commercial salmon fishing is an extremely important part of the economy of the Southern Oregon Coast, as well as a key reason many people choose to live and retire in the Brookings-Harbor area.

Poor salmon fishing in recent years, including the complete closure of ocean salmon fisheries in 2017 off of Brookings, have had a negative impact on the Brookings-area economy.

We are pleased to see a rebound in Klamath River and Rogue River fall Chinook salmon runs, and the options presented for public review for the 2018 seasons.

The Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce supports 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. Such a season is necessary to ensure anglers will have a reasonable opportunity to fish when the salmon are present off the coast of Brookings. The Brookings area provides access for salmon fishing for the Rogue Valley (Medford-Grants Pass-Ashland), Klamath Basin (Klamath Falls) and other population centers in Southern Oregon and Northern California, and we depend on those visiting anglers to stay at local motels and RV parks, shop at local merchants and dine at local restaurants.

The chamber also supports Option 1 for the commercial troll season off of Brookings and Gold Beach, which would allow commercial fishermen to target salmon during parts of May, June, July and August.

The businesses of the Brookings-Harbor area thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on the ocean season options for 2018.

Sincerely,
Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

#36

From: **Jeff Richards** <jwrichards2003@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 5:34 PM

Subject: California salmon season alternatives - support for Alternative 1

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I am the President of the Coastside Fishing Club. Our mission is to 'enhance the recreational fishing experience'. Coastside Fishing Club has approximately 11,000 members the great majority of which are California residents.

Coastside has an active online forum and stages multiple events promoting fishing and environmental stewardship each year. One of our signature activities is the acclimation of 720,000 salmon smolts in Pillar Point each year. Our program has the highest returns of any salmon rearing activity on the West Coast.

We are fisherman, not buffalo hunters. We realize that continuing in our fishing activities require healthy habitat and stocks throughout the food chain. We believe that Alternative 1 meets the escapement objectives and do not support Alternatives 2 or 3.

Regards;

Jeff Richards
President, Coastside Fishing Club

Jeff@jwrichards.com
Cell: [\(650\) 575 9255](tel:6505759255)

#37

From: **Paul Boley** <dukhtn@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 7:55 PM
Subject: California Salmon Season
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

Of the Three (3) alternatives provided for California's Salmon Season, I believe that Alternative # 1 should be selected for 2018.

#38

From: **R.J. Waldron** <captrjwaldron@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 7:20 AM
Subject: Salmon Season 2018
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns with the upcoming California Salmon Season. The boat I own and operate is named The Sundance and she resides in Emeryville.

We currently operate through The Fish Emeryville landing.

I operated the Sundance for 6 years up until last year when I purchased the business from the previous owners. Last year we had great fishing and were booked regularly. Needless to say my first year as an owner was good.

I'm married and have a 9 year old son. I go fishing to support my family. As a salmon fisherman I look forward to the season every year! I also understand conservation and the need for seasons and bag limits.

It's my hope that the council decides to let us go fishing. Out of the season options, option 1 will allow me to operate through the summer which is our busiest time. The health of my business and ultimately financial security for my family depends on this.

I hope you take my letter into consideration as you make your final determination.

Sincerely,
Capt. R.J. Waldron
Sundance
Emeryville, Ca
[925-323-1928](tel:9253231928)

#39

From: **Ken Rauh** <ken@tastemonterey.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 8:38 AM
Subject: Monterey Bay Salmon Season
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

Greetings: I have had a good hard look at proposed alternatives for the 2018 Salmon Season. I strongly support Alternative 1. The amount of fishable days for me and all the other sport fisherman I know is limited due to many factors, such as weather, sea conditions and time constraints with life's commitments. Additionally, in 2017, we in Monterey, did not see much fish until the end of the season. Therefore, I fully support the longer season in Alternative 1.

Sincerely,
Ken Rauh

A Taste of Monterey [700 Cannery Row Monterey, CA 93940 831-646-5446 Ext.11](tel:700CanneryRowMontereyCA939408316465446Ext11)

#40

From: **Dan Fugere** <danfugere@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 8:55 AM

Subject: 2018 Salmon Season

To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council,

I am deeply concerned with the three limited options for the 2018 salmon season. After three years of restricted crab and salmon seasons this would be a disaster. There is just not enough time to justify converting my vessel over for such a limited season. I really don't understand how the recreational sector is allowed to harvest more fish in the rivers than the commercial fleet is in the ocean. The hatcheries need these fish. To allow the sport harvest in the rivers when the fish are concentrated in a small area, ready to spawn just makes no sense to me. I do hope that the council will reconsider the three options and will adopt a better option which allows more time on the water. The financial burden will be irreversable and could be the end of my business. The local fishing communities are in a serious decline and need a chance to make a living.

Thankyou for your consideration,

Dan Fugere

FV Gold Coast. [707 980 0864](tel:7079800864)

#41

From: **Today's Catch** <jaredbdavis@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 8:40 AM

Subject: 2018 Salmon Season

To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council Members,

I have been dependent on Salmon fishing since I was in high school, but never more so than now. I think it will be no secret to anyone even remotely involved in this industry that the Salty Lady has a history and a reputation as a charter fishing boat that has had Salmon fishing as the primary focus for the past forty years. Also not a secret that my former employer over the past twenty plus years, Roger Thomas, was intimately involved in this fishery through his participation in the political process. Amongst many other accomplishments he served for many years on the very panel which will decide my fate at this point. His tireless advocacy for the people who depend upon the Salmon fishing industry to support themselves and their families was unparalleled, and I wish he were still here to guide and advise me through what appears to have the potential to be a challenging first season, to say the least, as owner of the Salty Lady. While I will never be Roger, my hope is to carry on his legacy - from his home port since 1978 in Sausalito - for many years to come.

After Roger's passing, as per his wishes, I had an opportunity to purchase the boat and business from his estate. While the price that he set was fair, and a 56' Westport in the condition of the Salty Lady might sell for more in some markets, it was nonetheless a huge financial stretch for my wife and I. Above and beyond the actual purchase price, the start up costs have been somewhat overwhelming. While I have had quite a bit of experience in day to day operations, I have recently gotten a crash course in what it takes behind the scenes to make this type of business run. I could easily provide a very long list of expenses, but in short, what it takes is income. A typical Salmon season over the last few years (although short compared to 12 months of never ending expenses) has offered an opportunity to "make hay while the sun shines." The prospect of an inevitably shortened season this year hits me hard. Anything other than option #1 could literally devastate my ability to make this work !!

While I do not claim to be an expert on issues regarding our Salmon stocks I have been entrenched in the industry for thirty years, I do pay attention to the information that has been made available to me, and I know what I see out on the water. I know that despite the recent drought years, trucking and barging have put millions of fish into the ocean that have a good chance of returning as adults. I know that the amazing work done by Bill Smith at the Mokelumne hatchery has produced results, and I know that those fish are not factored into the model for ocean abundance from the Sacramento River System. I also know that we and the whole Bay Area charter salmon fishing

fleet had some remarkably good fishing last season. Our catch in 2017 included a substantial number of what appeared to be 2 year old fish, and in my humble opinion it would stand to reason that those fish will likely be returning as adults this year.

On behalf of myself and many others in the same or similar positions I urge you to choose option #1.... the only option on the table that will give us a fighting chance !!!

Thank you !!!

#42

From: **Tim McRitchie** <tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 7:05 AM

Subject: salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

option one please.
denis richardson
petaluma, California

#43

From: **Tim McRitchie** <tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 8:36 AM

Subject: salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I would like to vote for option one, and no breaks from June 9th till the end of the season. Im good with closing April and May, but let the season play out from there.

Sue McRitchie

San Francisco 94122

suemcrichtie@yahoo.co

#44

From: **Todd Fraser - Bayside Marine** <todd@baysidemarinesc.com>

Date: Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 1:35 PM

Subject: salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I just want to express my concern about the season. I own a tackle shop in the Santa Cruz Harbor and Salmon is a huge part of my business. Please choose the best option number 1 or the made up 4th. If the season is closed I will be forced to loose huge amounts of money and be stuck with a ton of inventory. I want to know if there is going to be any federal disaster relief money for this season closure. Please let me know what is going on with the future of Salmon and my business?

#45

From: C Paterson <cpkayak@sbcglobal.net>

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 4:47 PM

Subject: salmon season

Good afternoon PFMC. I am Christopher Paterson of San Leandro and I support **Alternative one** for the San Francisco Bay Area.

I am a recreational angler and a business person, salmon fishing is super fun and an effective sales tool, as is golf or attending a Giants or A's or Raiders or 49ers or a Warriors game! However, when I fish with people who may not have experienced California outdoors before it can be an eye opening experience for them. A typical day out for four on my boat would result in four salmon caught, see a couple of whales and a good time had by all, except the guy who got seasick! In the Bay Area there are many city folk who may not have considered angling as a recreational

opportunity (not all of us can play soccer or softball, although those are fine activities). California has a tremendous natural history, as Californians, I believe we are obligated to keep our outdoor (fishing and hunting and hiking and camping and birdwatching and more) heritage alive and thriving. Furthermore, many of my new business fishing friends will go on to charter party boats for company trips. I am confident that recreational salmon fishing has tremendous financial benefit for our bay area economy, and I support alternative one, because that alternative offers us the most days on the water!

Sincerely, Christopher Paterson

#46

From: **C Paterson** <cpkayak@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 4:47 PM
Subject: salmon season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Good afternoon PFMC. I am Christopher Paterson of San Leandro and I support **Alternative one** .

#47

From: **Sean Laine** <ehlaine@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:37 AM
Subject: Pfm salmon options
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I support option 1.

As a 44 year old CA resident that has been sport fishing for 40 years I support option 1. Option one offers the greatest recreation opportunity for me and my family to spend time together, as well as offering the greatest economic opportunity for retailers, harbors, fuel stations, etc then any of the options.

Sincerely,

Sean Laine

#48

From: **Chris Matthes** <chris@campagnelaw.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM
Subject: Save Our Salmon Season (SOSS)
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Pacific Fishery Management Council:

On behalf of the economy that is dependent upon the California salmon fishery, I urge you to choose OPTION #1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly,

Chris Matthes
Attorney
Law Firm of Campagne & Campagne
A Professional Corporation
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[Fresno, California 93727](#)
Telephone: [\(559\) 255-1637](tel:(559)255-1637)
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#49

From: **Ken Reed** <kreed020@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Salmon Seasons California
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

Please choose OPTION #1 !!!

Thank you,

Happy Fisherman- Ken Reed

#50

From: **Chuck Brooks** <chuckbrooks707@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:40 AM
Subject: Sf salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I support option #1

#51

From: **Tamara Mautner** <fishon@garibaldicharters.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:52 AM
Subject: Proposed Salmon Season Oregon Coast
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

PFMC members,

I am writing to suggest a different alternative to the proposed Coho salmon options for the North Oregon Coast this year. Please consider the following:

Selective Marked Coho: 35,000 from June 30-Sept 3.
Non-Selective Coho: 3,500 Fridays and Saturdays only from Sept 7-30

Rationale: Opening for hatchery fish during July and August would provide another option for fishermen during the busy months of the summer, thereby helping to keep our nearshore rockfish quota healthy. By starting the Non-Selective season after Labor Day and restricting days of the week, the Non-Selective fishery will hopefully last longer than it did in 2017, and continue to provide opportunity for salmon fishing (vs fishing for rockfish) through the last part of the busiest season.

Thanks for taking this into consideration.

Tamara Mautner
www.garibaldicharters.com

#52

From: **Michael JAROFF** <mjaroff@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 12:01 PM
Subject: Salmon Season Duration 2018
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please choose Option 1

#53

From: **john.heintz** <john.heintz@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 12:13 PM
Subject: Salmon Fishing 2018
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I'm very concerned about the decision making for the up coming Salmon Season. As a sport fisherman I support Option #1 for the upcoming season.

#54

From: **Ronald Whang** <ronwhang@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 12:44 PM
Subject: Recreational salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I whole hearty support Alternative #1 for the upcoming salmon sport season. I feel the other alternatives will hurt the economy.

Thank you for your time and please vote for alternative #1
Ron Whang recreational fisherman

#55

From: **komauihawaii** <komauihawaii@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 12:57 PM
Subject: Salmon season 2018. PLEASE Choose OPTION #1.. I've been fishing salmon outside the Golden Gate Bridge for 50 years.. Please, choose OPTION #1 . Thank you very much!!Kevin J Olson [808 463-6190](tel:8084636190)

#56

From: **info@fishemeryville.com** <info@fishemeryville.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 1:32 PM
Subject: California Recreational Ocean Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Council,

Thank you in advance for your time. We represent a fleet of eight Sport fishing boats in the San Francisco Area. The recent alternatives proposed at the March 7th Council meeting represent a major financial impact to our boats, marina and City of Emeryville that may not be repairable. The reduction in fishing time under each proposal creates a significant a painful financial impact that will be felt far and wide in our community. We have seen delays and even complete closures in the past, and yet even when our anglers suffered thru a complete closure, our fishery did not recover. The Sportfisherman are not the cause of the fishery decline. The ineffectiveness of management, who's failure to look at the real problems of poor water allocation and management remains the number one culprit of California King Salmon decline.

Reluctantly we support Alternative 1 of the Councils list of proposed fishery alternatives.

Thank You,

Andy Guiliano
Fish Emeryville
[3310 Powell Street](http://3310PowellStreet.com)
[Emeryville, CA. 94608](http://Emeryville.CA.94608.com)
Bait Shop: [\(510\)652-3403](tel:(510)652-3403)

#57

From: **jjmyfrend** <jjmyfrend@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 2:51 PM
Subject: Fisherman impacted by reduced season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council Members, please support option #1. As a operator of a charter boat in the sf bay this option will have

the least amount of economic hardship on myself and my family. Please support option #1. Thank You Jim
Holloway F/V Pacific Pearl.

#58

From: **Stacey Mullins** <dragonsportfishing@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 9:12 AM

Subject: Salmon

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern we feel that by shortening our salmon season it will affect our business tremendously. We as fishermen are not guaranteed a paycheck as many of you folks are. We rely on being able to fish the species of fish our clients want. We feel we should be subsidized for a shorter season & a reduced bag limit. There will be some folks that won't survive, & some will take years to recover. We as fishermen feel that we always pay the price for mismanagement or water manipulations. All of us rely on running a certain amount of trips every season just to break even. It looks like that may not happen this year. Who will help us ? Does PFMC have a plan to help us ? Subsidies? How does this happen after such an epic salmon season last year ? We feel it's mismanagement at various levels . I write this to you pleading for an industry plagued by regulators not allowing us to do our jobs that we have chosen . We would hope that if you take this income from us you either fund us or we hope that you will sacrifice your paycheck during the time we don't get ours.

Thank You,

Hayden Mullins

#59

From: **Rita Ritz** <rritz@brookings.or.us>

Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 1:36 PM

Subject: Letter of Support

To: Pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please see attached letter.



City of Brookings

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Mayor Jake Pieper

March 27, 2018

Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR 97220-1384
Pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council Members,

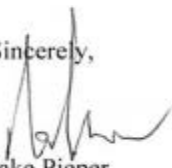
Purpose of this letter is to express the unanimous support the Brookings City Council for Alternative 1 for the recreational ocean salmon season in the Klamath Management Zone, as well as Alternative 1 for the commercial troll fishery on the Oregon side of the Klamath Management Zone.

Sport salmon fishing is an important part of the economy of the Oregon Coast, especially the City of Brookings, which at times has the highest sport landings of sport-caught salmon in the ocean in Oregon. Salmon fishing is not only important for businesses that cater to visitors to the coast, but also local residents who rely on ocean seasons for recreation and to catch fish to eat. Brookings is often the preferred ocean port for residents of inland communities in Oregon, California and Idaho, and a season that spans several months is vital for planning vacations and providing an opportunity to fish when salmon are present off the coast of Brookings.

Many Brookings families also rely on commercial fishing for their livelihood.

Last year's ocean salmon closure off of Brookings not only had negative impacts on the local economy, it also shifted more pressure on rockfish stocks, which in part led to the abrupt in-season closure of bottom fishing.

With a rebound in Klamath River fall chinook salmon, as well as continued healthy populations of Rogue River fall chinook salmon, Alternative 1 would provide fishing opportunities for sport and commercial fishing while still providing escapement for Sacramento, Klamath and Rogue fall chinook stocks, as well as Rogue-Klamath coho. These options would have the greatest economic impact for the Brookings area, and give local and visiting anglers the best opportunity to fish for, and catch salmon, out of the Port of Brookings Harbor.

Sincerely,

Jake Pieper
Mayor

CC: City Council
Brookings Harbor Chamber of Commerce
Port of Brookings Harbor
Curry Coastal Pilot

#60

From: **mark murphree** <mkmurphree@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 3:34 PM
Subject: Salmon
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

As an avid salmon fisherman for 40 years, I strongly urge you to choose option 1.
Thank You,

Mark K. Murphree

#61

From: **Darren Gertler** <darren.gertler@cityofwatsonville.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 3:43 PM
Subject: I am an educator in favor of Salmon Fishing
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I am an environmental educator and a fisherman. I see the Salmon fishery as woefully under managed rather than over fished. The 2 or 3 week commercial season is a disgrace and will put many anglers into bankruptcy. It makes no sense to allow the recreational fisherman a larger take while causing the commercial fisherman to give up their boats, permits, and livelihoods.

Please allow the commercial fisherman to either make a living or at least provide sufficient disaster relief. A season that is less than a month is not a viable alternative.

#62

From: **Curt Cotner** <clcotner@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 4:35 PM
Subject: Upcoming Salmon Season Alternatives
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I am a California resident. I would respectfully request that Alternative 1 be chosen for this coming season.

Regards,
Curt Cotner

#63

From: **Institute for Fisheries Resources** <noah@ifrfish.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 7:09 PM
Subject: Comments from PCFFA President David Bitts on the 2018 troll management alternatives
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Good evening,

Please include the attached letter from PCFFA President Dave Bitts in the aggregated public comments on the 2018 salmon troll management alternatives.

Best regards,
Noah

David Bitts
President
Larry Collins
Vice-President
Lorne Edwards
*Secretary &
Treasurer*

**PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION
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March 26, 2018

TO: Dr. Peter Dygert
Anadromous Harvest Management Branch
NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, Sustainable Fisheries Division
Sent electronically to peter.dygert@noaa.gov

Dear Dr. Dygert,

This year ocean salmon fisheries off California and Oregon will be managed for and constrained by an elevated escapement goal for Sacramento fall chinook, our bread-and-butter stock, due to the "overfished" state of this run and the need to "rebuild" it. These terms and conditions come from the Sustainable Fisheries Act and must be applied to this year's situation, but I will argue that there is a limit to their applicability to salmon runs and especially to the Sacramento fall run.

First, I wish to express that I agree and understand that it is essential to have escapement goals and to try to meet them. In a year like this, when we are flirting with the bottom end of the range of the Sacramento fall run goal, I believe it is appropriate to aim higher to increase the chances of meeting that minimum. Not too much higher, because several layers of conservatism have already been built in to this year's stock abundance prediction:

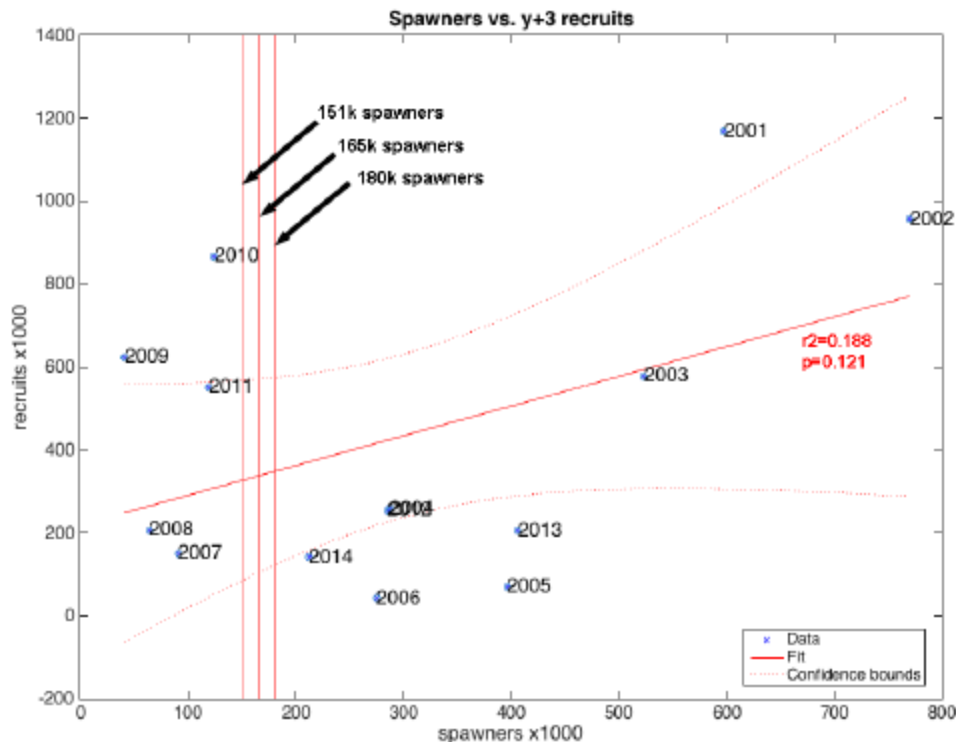
1) Not all the jacks reported last year were used to predict this year's abundance. The recreational fishery caught nearly 40% of the jacks that entered the river, but only jacks that survived to attempt to spawn were counted. When the rec fishery consistently caught about 10% of the in-river run it made sense to ignore that component, but its recent surge in catch rate changes that;

2) The regression analysis of age-3 vs. age-2 fish was subjected to autocorrelation, meaning that the line drawn through the scatter plot was pulled down to reflect recent years' over-prediction;

3) The datapoint chosen to represent this year's prediction was halfway from zero to the corrected trendline. I'm told by people whose opinions I respect greatly that this isn't doubly (i.e. excessively) conservative, but I haven't yet understood why not.

Mainly I want to argue against any effort to pack Central Valley rivers full of spawners in the name of "rebuilding" the stock. This approach is flawed for at least three reasons, each of which I will dive into further: Once an uncertain minimum number of spawners is reached, there's no correlation in the record of spawners vs. age-3 recruits between more spawners and more recruits (or, number of parents is not used in predicting abundance for good reason); large numbers of spawners are especially irrelevant in the Central Valley since naturally-spawned fish have an extremely poor rate of survival to adulthood; water management decisions by any combination of five state and federal agencies almost certainly have more to do with the system's productivity than the numbers of spawning fish.

1. No correlation: The graph attached below shows dramatically the lack of a direct relationship between the number of spawners and the number of adult recruits. If one calculates the rate at which spawners replace themselves with adult recruits, it ranges a hundredfold: from 0.15 for the 2006 brood year to 15.22 for the 2009 brood year. The three most recent brood years, the geometric mean of whose numbers triggered the stock's "overfished" state, each had more than 200,000 parents. The marginal differences between the anticipated juvenile production benefits represented by three escapement targets, combined with the enormous disparity between the three management alternatives with respect to fishing time on the water, make it difficult to accept that the more conservative season alternatives could realistically confer any more tangible conservation benefits than the most liberal season alternative.



Linear regression and summary statistics of Sacramento fall run Chinook Y+3 recruits on spawners. The vertical lines indicate the three spawner escapement targets corresponding to the three troll management alternatives for 2018. Years indicate brood year class.

2. Irrelevance of brood size for Central Valley: Magnuson, the Salmon Framework Plan, PFMC, and PCFFA all assume the importance of robust returns of natural spawners to the Central Valley. PCFFA has been working since before my time to improve the productivity of natural spawners in the Valley, and we will continue to do so I hope. To do otherwise is to concede to the vision of fish without rivers, or, total dependence on hatchery stocks. Which to us is a recipe for imminent extinction, not because hatchery fish are inferior, but because hatchery operations are vulnerable to catastrophic failure from both natural and human causes.

BUT: Thirty or more years ago, CDFG biologist Frank Fisher said, "most fish returning to the Central Valley spawn in gravel, but came from a hatchery." That hasn't changed: with constant fractional marking of hatchery fish, we can see that the percentage of marks in the ocean catch is very close to the fraction marked, indicating minimal contribution of naturally produced fish. And the 2009 NMFS biological opinion on Delta operations said that juveniles leaving the mainstem for the Delta have about 1/3 the survival rate of fish staying in the mainstem; also, according to the BiOp, mortality of juvenile fish crossing Clifton Court Forebay to the pumps ranges from 90 to 99%. Thus, as conditions stand today, the marginal utility of larger numbers of spawners to production of the next generation is limited.

3. Importance of water management decisions: The California Departments of Fish & Wildlife and Water Resources, and the Bureau of Reclamation, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and NMFS each have some degree of management responsibility for habitat conditions (flow and temperature, clean water) in the Central Valley. In two recent years flows were allowed to drop to the point that an estimated 95% of the main stem redds were dewatered and the juvenile fish lost. Preventing that catastrophe may have been a challenge; those were dry years. But the agencies failed to meet the challenge, and this is merely the most dramatic recent example of such failure, in spite of a host of laws, regulations, and court decisions requiring better stewardship.

Rebuilding Central Valley salmon stocks will require a higher degree of commitment than we have yet seen from state and federal agencies to follow existing rules and to work together towards a future of robust Central Valley runs. It cannot be done solely on the backs of fishermen; we are willing to help and would be more willing if we saw that kind of commitment from the agencies. Until then, there's only so much we can do.

Sincerely,



Dave Bitts
President

Cc: Butch Smith
Brett Kormos
Mike Burner

#64

From: John gardella <jjgardella2003@yahoo.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 12:32 PM

Subject: Salmon season

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please vote for option one.

#65

From: **Stephen and Arliss** <snawillis@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear council

Please choose option #1 for the 2018 salmon season.

A concerned fisherman

Stephen M Willis

#66

From: <dukedog95@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 5:17 PM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council members,
Please choose option #1
Thank you
John McGee
Legal Limit Sportfishing

#67

From: **David Gallegioni** <dgal11409@att.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 9:05 PM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please support option #1 as the time period to be implemented for the 2018 salmon season. I'm a lifetime fisherman.

Dave Gallegioni

#68

From: **Charlotte Zajac** <whalecar@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:19 PM
Subject: Salmon Season comments
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Home <Whalecar@sbcglobal.net>

As a commercial salmon fisherman I would like to see more effort to increase salmon populations in Monterey bay in an effort to reduce the effects of climate change on salmon. As unpopular a topic as the california sea lion population explosion must be faced. Allowing permits to be issued to save thousands of stranded pups is irresponsible, goes against darwinian evolution and natural selection, and may actually weaken sea lion gene pools' Unfortunately, the well-meaning public may be contributing to the demise of our wild salmon. Everyone knows how sea lions target salmon, even following them miles up rivers. The creation of the RCA has been very successful in rebuilding sebastes stocks. Obviously these larger cod compete with outmigrating salmon, eating many of them. We should allow more significant harvesting of those rockfish, so there would be less predation on juvenile salmon and more forage for them. Also, it would help to strengthen ESA protection for salmon waters. Lastly, and probably as unpopular as my first suggestion would be a ban on farmed salmon imports. Farmed salmon carry a host of liver, brain, kidney and bacterial diseases and threaten our remaining wild stocks. Thank for your time,

Christian Zajac.

#69

From: **Don Franklin** <dfrank1usa@comcast.net>

Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 8:25 PM

Subject: Salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Council Members,

The decision facing you isn't an easy one, but the choices facing a boat operator without a season are worse. Please consider option 1, for those of us who own charter boats.

I'm based out of San Francisco's Fisherman's wharf and I have many tourist that look forward to salmon fishing. This supports 2 deckhands and a part time skipper in addition to me. Without a season I will fish a third less and will let go of one deckhand and the other skipper. Also, I teach a kids summer camp for the SF Rec and Park department, and they always look forward to Salmon fishing. Please allow me to share this great experience again for the kids.

Sincerely,

Don Franklin

Capt/Owner

F/V SoleMan



#70

From: **Charlotte Zajac** <whalecar@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:05 PM

Subject: California commercial salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

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liver,brain,kidney and bacterial diseases and threaten our remaining wild stocks. Thank for your time,

Christian Zajac.

#71

From: **Michael Rescino** <smrescino@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 1:12 PM

Subject: Option 1 for Salmon Season 2018

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council Members,

My name is Michael Rescino, I am 30 years old and I am a fourth generation fisherman out of San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. The boat I operate is The Lovely Martha which my grandfather; Nick Rescino, had built in 1959. My family has had a stake in the salmon fishing industry since 1908 out of San Francisco. My children ages 7 and 4 now enjoy this fishery alongside me.

I have been the captain of the boat since I was 19 years old. Not only do I rely on salmon fishing but my wife, my two young children, my parents who own the boat, my deckhand and his family also depend on this fishery to survive living in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Without a typical salmon season I will not be able to provide for my family in the coming year. This is why I strongly urge you to chose Option 1 for the upcoming salmon season. How the auto-correlation counted the jack population does not add up to the ocean abundance I witnessed last year. I think that this year's 3-year old fish will meet the floor no problem. Loosing the month of June would take a huge toll on my income. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Captain Michael A. Rescino

#72

From: **Dan Wolford** <dan.wolford@comcast.net>

Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 1:01 PM

Subject: Comments on Salmon Season Agenda Item E1f

To: PFMC <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please find attached the comments of the Coastside Fishing Club

Thanks, dan



Coastside Fishing Club
P.O. Box 5501, San Mateo, CA 94402

Agenda Item E.1.f
Supplemental Public Comment
April 2018

25 March, 2018

To Phil Anderson, Chairman PFMC
From Coastside Fishing Club
Subject California Salmon Season Preferences

The Coastside Fishing Club is an all-volunteer recreational fishing club with more than 10,000 members, whose mission is to enhance the recreational fishing experience for all Californians. We advocate for sustainable fishing practices and regulations. In this case the three salmon alternatives for CA recreational fishing, issued by the Council at its March meeting are not constructed in such a way as to foster this objective. While they are responsive to the NMFS guidance and to the science relating to the impacts and conservation goals, they have adverse negative impacts on our fishing communities, the businesses we support, and to our families and friends. The two issues that concern us the most are the modeled impacts to the Rogue/Klamath Coho, and the escapement goals on the Sacramento Fall Run Chinook (SFRC).

While we hope that that the Coho model will be thoroughly vetted and adjusted to comport with realistic impact rates, that is in the hands of the STT and the Council. However, we do note that the three CA recreational alternatives out for review are not the alternatives that were crafted by the SAS. The SAS alternatives were artificially manipulated to achieve the required impacts by moving fishing opportunity out of some times and areas and into others, creating a mash-up of the alternatives the SAS created. It is our desire to get back to the kind of season reasoned structures that were in the SAS alternatives prior to the Coho adjustments.

We do have serious concerns regarding the conservation objective for the SFRC. While we support the need for a conservative approach that will bring more than the minimal 122,000 adults back to the river, we have not found a quantitative assessment of the efficacy of using different values of escapement objectives. We note there is a weak, at best, relationship between the numbers of spawning adults and the number of fish that return from their spawned year class. There is ample evidence that the numbers of returning adults in any year is much more strongly related to the quality and availability of spawning habitat, to the inland water conditions and operations during the outmigration of the smolts, and to the ocean conditions they encounter

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should they survive their downstream migration. Consequently, we can find no specific basis for a conservation objective that will in-fact result in the desired outcome of a faster rebuilding of this stock from its present condition. That hoped for outcome largely seems not to be responsive to any action the Council is empowered to control.

Assessing the economic and social impacts of opting for various conservation objectives is very straight forward and easily quantifiable. Each escapement objective has a direct impact on the number of days that may be fished, and where that opportunity exists. Opportunity is the very essence of recreational season structures. Anglers enjoy their time on the water in hopes that they might catch a salmon. It is the opportunity that matters most if that is coupled with a realistic hope that we might come home with a salmon to share with family and friends. Therefore, our choice of alternative is directly influenced by how many fishing days are included, in which zones, and at what times.

Converting fishing opportunity to economic impact is fairly straight forward through the application of a recreational fishing cost per angler day – which can be derived from any of several NOAA Economic Assessment Reports and Memoranda. That analysis can be filtered to derive the reasonable cost spent by an angler per trip (both direct costs and amortized annual costs) that is comparable to a commercial ex-vessel value. Since the commercial ex-vessel revenues must cover the cost of doing business to bring the fish to the dock; if the recreational categories are filtered to similar direct costs (fuel, bait, launch fees, boat loans, fishing tackle...) then a reasonable estimate of the dollars spent per angler trip is possible – typically around \$300 per angler day.

Table 10 from the Preseason Report II, when adjusted to include a reasonable cost per angler day (\$300) is a clear comparison of the social and economic impacts to the recreational fishermen and economy in California as one moves from Alternative I to Alternative III – see below:

Management Area	Alternative	Estimates Based on the Options	2017 Actual	2013-2017 Avg.	Estimates Based on the Options	2017 Actual	2013-2017 Avg.
OR/CA border to Horse Mt. KMZ	I	11,100	-	13,700	\$ 3,330,000	\$ -	\$ 4,110,000
	II	13,100			\$ 3,930,000		
	III	15,600			\$ 4,680,000		
Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena Ft Bragg	I	8,700	4,700	12,200	\$ 2,610,000	\$ 1,410,000	\$ 3,660,000
	II	12,100			\$ 3,630,000		
	III	7,300			\$ 2,190,000		
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. SF	I	50,600	53,800	53,500	\$ 15,180,000	\$ 16,140,000	\$ 16,050,000
	II	43,700			\$ 13,110,000		
	III	31,300			\$ 9,390,000		
South of Pigeon Pt. MO	I	31,100	15,100	19,200	\$ 9,330,000	\$ 4,530,000	\$ 5,760,000
	II	21,800			\$ 6,540,000		
	III	19,000			\$ 5,700,000		

Losses of nearly 75,000 trips and close to 10 million dollars are observable throughout the state; and can be as large as 25% below the average from 2013 - 2017. Impacts of this magnitude should not be undertaken without a solid expectation that there will in-fact be some conservation value in



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return. The lack of quantifiable conservation gains relative to the social and economic loss associated with the various escapement floors strongly argues that an escapement target of 151,000 is the best alternative. Anything higher than that imposes too great an impact to the fishing communities, the businesses we support, and to our families and friends.

The Coastside Fishing Clubs asks that the Council adopt the 151,000 objective for the SFRC, and selects a season structure that is similar to Alternative I as it was crafted by the SAS prior to the adjustments imposed by the questionable Coho impact model. In doing so, there is every expectation that the rebuilding of this stock will be as quick as possible while the social and economic impacts will be minimized.

Thank you

Dan Wolford
Coastside Fishing Club

#73

From: **Larry Dini** <diniappraisal@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2018 at 11:42 AM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

I strongly vote for option 1 for the S.F. Area and also for Monterey Bay.

Larry Dini

#74

From: **Luke Brown** <lukembrown@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:10 AM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I support salmon season alternative 1 in the San Francisco zone.
Thanks
Luke Brown
Coastside fishing club member

#75

From: **Robert Sawyer** <rfsawyer4@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 9:22 PM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please select option one.

Bob Sawyer
[296 Blair Mine road](#)
[Angels camp CA](#)

#76

From: <vickersnw@aol.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 9:26 AM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To Whom it May Concern:

I applaud the government's efforts to manage and protect our natural resources. Finding the right balance between industry and resources is challenging.

That being said, I'm hoping you'll support Option #1 in the upcoming decision regarding the length of the salmon season in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Respectfully,

Patty Vickers

#77

From: **Reyes, Francisco** <FReyes@epicor.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 1:16 PM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please choose OPTION #1...

Thanks

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#78

From: **doug laughlin** <doughlaughlin3@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 3:54 PM
Subject: 2018 Sport Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council,

My name is Doug Laughlin. I live in Moss Beach, Ca., and do most of my fishing out of Pillar Point Harbor. I am also on the Board of Directors of the Coastside Fishing Club and Foundation. Additionally, I am part of the 3 person lead team for our club's Salmon Smolt Acclimation Project (in our 7th. year, releasing over 2.5 million smolt, so far). In addition to supporting Alternative 1, I would hope you find a way of quantifying our success with the Mokolumne Hatchery fish we put into the ocean, and find a way to include those numbers into the equation.

Again, I am in support of Alt. 1.

Thank you,
Doug Laughlin

#79

From: **Bruce MacKimmie** <bmackimmie@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 3:59 PM
Subject: Salmon Alternatives
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I am a California resident and on the Board of Directors of the Coastside Fishing Club. Our mission is to 'enhance the recreational fishing experience'. Coastside Fishing Club has approximately 11,000 members the great majority of which are California residents.

I am also one of the leads that puts 720,000 salmon smolts in Pillar Point each year. Our program has the highest returns of any salmon rearing activity on the West Coast. We are going into our seventh year of the program.

As a Club we believe that Alternative 1 meets the escapement objectives and do not support Alternatives 2 or 3.

Thank you.
Bruce MacKimmie

#80

From: **Mike Glick** <wisehart@impulse.net>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 4:31 PM
Subject: 2018 Salmon Recreational Season Comments
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov, Mike Burner - NOAA Affiliate <mike.burner@noaa.gov>
Cc: Jim Yarnall <jimyarnall@gmail.com>, Marc Gorelnik <gorelnik@gmail.com>

I am in favor of Alternative 1 for the 2018 salmon season for recreational fishermen. Alternative 1 meets the regulatory requirements for stock conservation under the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) and Endangered Species Act (ESA) while giving the recreational boaters in the "Monterey" area (Monterey to the Mexican border) a reasonable fishing season.

Alternatives 2 and 3 are not acceptable because they only allow fishing during April/May which is historically the roughest weather time of the year and not safe for small, recreational boaters. Forcing an April/May only season on recreational boaters will put undue pressure on fishermen to venture out when it may be dangerous to do so. Per the 'Preseason Report 1' Introduction, page 2 paragraph 9, "In recommending seasons, to the extent practicable, promote the safety of human life at sea." As a firefighter, I was trained that human safety is always the number one priority (over and above all else) and that must also be true when the council is adopting regulations especially for recreational boaters in very small boats often with only one other novice crewmember besides the skipper.

Conversely, if recreational boaters do exercise due caution, being restricted to April/May only yields very few fishing opportunities due to weather and therefore unfairly restricts recreational fisherman in the Morro/Avila area (formerly "Monterey South"). Weekday work schedules and kids in school (April/May is before the summer break) further restricts the

fishing opportunities to "weekends only" for most people/families and that combined with (likely) poor weather conditions in April/May unfairly yields very few fishing opportunities in April/May for Morro/Avila.

Thank you,

Mike Glick
Santa Barbara, Ca.
[805-450-6487](tel:805-450-6487) (cell)

#81

From: **Stephen and Arliss** <snawillis@comcast.net>
Date: Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear council

Please choose option #1 for the 2018 salmon season.

A concerned fisherman

Stephen M Willis

#82

From: **Harry James** <fishstk1@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 6:42 PM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Sent from my iPad I am a California resident

#83

From: **William Stallcup** <wpstallcup@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 6:55 PM
Subject: 2018 Salmon Season Comments
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am a recreational fisherman in San Luis Obispo, California. I want to inform you that "Alternative 1" is the only viable option for a 2018 salmon season for Central California recreational fisherman. Here is why:

Central California spring weather is dominated by windy and hazardous ocean conditions. The vast majority of recreational salmon fisherman fish in small (16-22') fishing boats that can only handle very favorable ocean conditions. During the months of April and May especially, and even June, a single month may only offer 5 or 6 safe fishable days. Add to that most recreational fishermen work during the week, further limiting fishing opportunity during those months down to next to nothing. Alternative 2 and 3 are basically a "No fishing season" vote.

In my region, recreational salmon fishermen provide significant economic stimulus to the communities of Port San Luis, Morro Bay, Monterey, Moss Landing, Santa Cruz and beyond.

We fish a single rod with barbless hooks, with limited success. Compare that to commercial salmon fishermen who fish big boats almost every day of the month, with no quota, and as many as 60 hooks at a time. If the commission wants to make a difference in the salmon take, cut the commercial season.

Respectfully,

William Stallcup
[18 19th St, Cayucos ca 93430](#)

#84

From: **Lloyd Fisher** <fisherlr@live.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 7:50 PM
Subject: Salmon alternatives
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I vote for alternative #1 for the SF coastal area.

Lloyd Fisher

#85

From: **Ted Carman** <tedcarman@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 9:43 PM
Subject: Salmon Alternatives out for public comment
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom this may concern,

Please consider Alternative 1 for the upcoming ocean salmon season.

My passion for fishing our coast for salmon is paramount. I contribute thousands of dollars annually to preserving our resource. In addition, I introduce nearly a dozen new anglers every year to salmon trolling the coast. In turn they make their contributions. Restricting our opportunities on the water will only reduce contributions to our fishery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ted Carman
[925.577.8128](tel:925.577.8128)
tedcarman@gmail.com

#86

From: **Tony Costa** <acosta65@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 8:55 PM
Subject: Salmon Season California
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Hello,

I've been fishing the Sf Bay Area since I was a child with my family. I am now trying to get my own children to participate. I'm pushing for alternative 1 so I can get them involved for a long season of salmon and hope they'll come love as I have. Thanks

Tony Costa

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March 20, 2018

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Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR 97220-1384
Pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

PFMC

Dear Council Members,

The Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Commissioners supports Alternative 1 for the recreational ocean salmon season in the Klamath Management Zone, as well as Alternative 1 for the commercial troll fishery on the Oregon side of the Klamath Management Zone.

Sport salmon fishing is an important part of the economy of the Oregon Coast, especially out of Brookings, which at times has the highest sport landings of sport-caught salmon in the ocean in Oregon. Salmon fishing is not only important for businesses that cater to visitors to the coast, but also local residents who rely on ocean seasons for recreation and to catch fish to eat. Brookings is often the preferred ocean port for residents of inland communities, such as Grants Pass, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Yreka, Alturas and Redding, and a season that spans several months is vital for planning vacations and providing an opportunity to fish when salmon are present off the coast of Brookings.

Many local families also rely on commercial fishing for their livelihood.

Last year's ocean salmon closure off of Brookings not only had negative impacts on the local economy, it also shifted more pressure on rockfish stocks, which in part led to the abrupt in-season closure of bottom fishing.

With a rebound in Klamath River fall chinook salmon, as well as continued healthy populations of Rogue River fall chinook salmon, Alternative 1 would provide fishing opportunities for sport and commercial fishing while still providing escapement for Sacramento, Klamath and Rogue fall chinook stocks, as well as Rogue-Klamath coho. These options would have the greatest economic impact for the Brookings area, and give local and visiting anglers the best opportunity to fish for, and catch salmon, out of the Port of Brookings Harbor.

Sincerely,

Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Commissioners

#87

**Oregon
South
Coast
Fishermen**

P. O. Box 2709 • Brookings, OR 97415

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March 16, 2018

Mr. Phil Anderson, Chairman
Pacific Fisheries Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, OR 97720-1384

Dear Chairman Anderson,

Our organization has reviewed the Preliminary Salmon Management Alternatives proposed for the 2018 recreational salmon fishery from Humbug Mountain to the OR/CA border. We recommend final adoption of Alternative 1. Our sport fishing advisor for Oregon, Richard Heap, has advised us that there remains some uncertainty as to the final guidance from the National Marine Fisheries Service and that these alternatives will most likely change. If that occurs, we would ask that efforts be made to put as many chinook fishing days in July and August as possible, in order for us to access the very abundant Rogue River fish that will be moving north during that period.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Council, Council staff, STT and SAS for their diligence in crafting these alternatives and the final season package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Kuehn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Kuehn, President

#88

From: **Austin Balk** <austin.balk@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 10:04 PM
Subject: 2018 California Salmon Alternatives.
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please note, I have already sent an email in support of Alternative 1 on March 24th. However, I failed to specify that I am a California resident, which I am ([4020 Lawton St., San Francisco, CA 94122](#)). Below is my original email. Thanks.

"To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for Alternative 1 for the 2018 California recreational salmon season. Furthermore, I urge for an increased focus on habitat restoration and increased water flows in the Sacramento Delta, as this will provide an even greater benefit to the salmon populations.

Thanks,
Austin Balk"

#89

From: **Mark Barbour** <barbourmark@icloud.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 6:06 AM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Option 1 Please

Thank you, Mark Barbour

#90

From: **Randy Byard** <rbyard22@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 6:28 AM
Subject: Alternative 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

As a recreational fisherman in the San Francisco area I would like to strongly endorse alternative 1 for the 2018 salmon season. Given I only get a few days on the water, weather and time permitting, it would help to have the longer season to allow time on the water. Thanks.

#91

From: **John Walthew** <johnwalthew@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 7:06 AM
Subject: 2018 Ocean Salmon Fisheries - California San Francisco Region
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Hello,

I am a California resident and I am emailing you for my support for Alternate 1 - San Francisco Region. Having fished out of the Gate for over a decade Alternate 1 will provide the most financial benefit to our local economy and the most days on the water, while still achieving a higher escapement level than previous years.

Regards,

John Walthew

#92

From: **JOHN GROSS** <hmbkaren@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:18 AM
Subject: Support for Salmon Alternative 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear PFMC,

I'm in favor of Alt. 1, in the San Francisco Area
For us sport and recreational guys, we do little harm to the salmon stock with our two fish limit.

As for the commercial fleet THAT is where the fish are consumed and THAT is where you can best help the fish stocks.

It's the old "80/20" Rule where 80% of the fish are killed by 20% of the boats. Probably more like a "90/10" relationship if you crunch the numbers.

So please give us sport/recreational guys Alternative 1. Thank you.

Sincerely,
John Gross
[351 Granelli Ave.](#)
[Half Moon Bay, CA.](#)

#93
From: **Joe Lim** <Joe@capitolelectric.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:39 AM
Subject: Salmon season 2018
To: "pmmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pmmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I vote for alternative 1 thank you

#94
From: **Christopher Paterson** <Christopher.Paterson@lwsupply.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:41 AM
Subject: 2018 salmon season
To: "pmmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pmmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I am California resident and support Alternative 1 for the San Francisco bay area for setting this year's salmon season.

#95
From: **Steve Hendricks** <fishmstr00@aol.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:52 AM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: pmmc.comments@noaa.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of Alternative 1 for the 2018 salmon season for recreational fishermen. Alternative 1 meets the regulatory requirements for stock conservation under the Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) and Endangered Species Act (ESA) while giving the recreational boaters in the "Monterey" area (Monterey to the Mexican border) a reasonable fishing season.

I believe that alternatives 2 and 3 are not acceptable for the Morro Bay/Port San Luis area because they only allow fishing during April/May (what we've had the last two years) which is without a doubt the roughest weather time of the year for us! Many days are not safe for small, recreational boaters like me with a 17' boat. Forcing an April/May season on us will encourage fishermen to venture out when the conditions are not the best. As a father that LOVES to fish, I really don't want to put my life at risk to go fishing, but realizing I may not have another chance to catch a salmon I may take risks that I otherwise would never take.

Please consider a longer season for our area. We have a limited recreational salmon fishing fleet with virtually no charter fishing. A season extending into May, when we have much better weather, will allow families a chance to fish for these amazing fish!

Thank you,
Steve Hendricks
Los Osos, Ca.
[805-305-3744](tel:805-305-3744) (cell)

#96

From: **Bill Dutra** <billedutra@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 9:55 AM

Subject: Alternative 1, California salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Hello Council,

I am writing in support of alternative 1, which will give San Francisco Bay area families such as mine the greatest opportunity to fish this year. Every year, we provide substantial economic benefit to local marinas, gas stations, bait shops, lodging facilities, etc as we pursue these fish.

Recreational and commercial fisherman are not the primary reason that there are so few fish available, but always take the brunt of the impact. I would suggest a more focused approach regarding water diversions and operations if you truly want to help rebuild these stocks.

Please vote in favor of alternative one.

Sincerely,

William E. Dutra

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[Danville, CA 94526](#)

9925) 280-5391

#97

From: **Dennis Palmer** <dmpalmer48@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 11:24 AM

Subject: Salmon

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please choose OPTION #1

Thank you,

Dennis Palme

#98

From: **Tim McRitchie** <tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 11:26 AM

Subject: salmon season alternative one

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I live in the San Francisco area and have salmon fished all my life. At least give us alternative one so we can have a semblance of a season.

Tim Mcritchie

tim_mcritchie@yahoo.com

San Francisco 94122

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MAR 29 2018

Matt Newman troll out of Morro Bay. My comments are in response to the proposed alternatives for the management area Pigeon Point South for commercial troll. In my review of the preseason report documents I have taken note that at the March meetings the National Marine Fisheries Service has guided the Pacific Fishery Management Council to target an escapement around the upper end of the SRFC conservation objective range of 122,000-180,000 adults. Proposed alternatives express 151,000-180,000 adults leaving at least 29,000 adults before hitting the SRFC FMP control rule of 122,000 adults. The council's FMP harvest objective specifically states that fishing interests shall equitably share obligations of meeting salmon harvest allocation objectives and harvest opportunities. Cutting 75% of fishing opportunity for a specific management area with no area specific justification is not fitting with the council's guidelines or purpose. The ESA consultation standards for SRWC on the California coast are also being met by at least 3.8%. Severely limiting fishing opportunity in specific management areas weakens the commercial fishing industry as a whole. The industry needs strong presence throughout the state to promote and maintain port infrastructure and multi species fishing opportunity. Finally I would hope that the council re-examines the proposed alternatives for Pigeon Point South commercial troll before many individuals are negatively impacted unjustifiably.

Thank you.

Matt Newman

PV Emily Rose

PV Kiora

1488 16th St.

Los Osos, CA 93402

(805) 459-5605

#100

From: Kim Hampton <kimbrey@comcast.net>

Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2018 17:21:24 +0000

Subject: Marine area 2 salmon options

Good Morning Kyle,

Last night I attended the meeting last night in Westport but just sat in the back of the room and listened.

A bit of my history salmon fishing. I grew up in the Grayland/Westport area starting my fishing career as a deck hand on the charters at age 12. At age 18 (1970) after receiving my first CG license I began skippering the charters. Two older brothers owned their own charter boats. All of us worked alongside Phil Anderson running out of the same office. I'm sure Phil would say my older brother Tom was his best friend. As fishing opportunities spiraled down I left the business moving into the commercial trawl fisheries in Alaska which I still do as a factory trawler captain but.....I still sport fish when I'm home on rotation.

From the meeting:

--I understand both sides of the argument between the private boat guys which I'm one of and the Charter guys. When I'm home from Alaska it really doesn't matter to me when the fishing days are but I'd tend to side with the Charter guys to help extend the season.

--I really liked the idea of a June marked fish King fishery to help extend fishing days. I'm not sure why this fishery has disappeared especially if silvers are the main problem.

--One speaker last night made the comment about splitting the quota up between the private boat guys and the charters. Bad idea. The charter customer is the same as the private boat people, they're sport fishermen that don't have the financial resources of boat ownership or the don't have the physical makeup to handle sport fishing on a smaller platform. Separating quotas between the two groups just makes the private boat operators elitists.

--I think if the season I reduced down to 5 days it should include Saturday instead of Sunday.

Thanks,

Kim Hampton

kimbrey@comcast.net

#101

From: Eric Berto <ericberto@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2018 21:20:07 +0000

Subject: Marine Area 2 options

Hi Kyle,

I am writing to you as a concerned sportfisherman to voice my support of a seven-day-per-week salmon season for Marine Area 2. Given that escapement goals are not possible with the first current option, I would support an option similar to option 2 that includes a Friday/Saturday fishery.

The limitations that a five days per week choice would place upon the average sportsman would cost countless opportunities, remove revenue from the city of Westport (and Tokeland, Aberdeen and others), foster resentment and strain relationships between the sportsmen and charter fleet and likely impact the bottom line of the charter fleet.

My understanding is that since going to seven days per week, Marine Area 2 has not hit 100 percent of its quota, coming closest at approximately 96 percent (this data may be factually incorrect and if so, can you confirm the true data?) I also believe that the private sportsman is responsible for a significant portion of revenue to the city of Westport and Grays Harbor County. From the fuel dock, launch fees, hotel fees or even the significant number of sportsmen that have chosen to buy property in Westport and invest in land upgrades and building new houses.

I don't believe official economic impact studies have been done specifically to measure the impact of sports anglers, but my suspicion is we are severely underestimating the true impact.

A five day per week season would also shift pressure to other marine areas. This would have a long-term impact on season-setting quotas, rule enforcement and other trickle-down effects.

Please take this letter as my proxy comment as I am unable to attend tonight's meeting in person (which is another, more superficial, reason to be in favor of a seven day season). I am available to speak any time or provide any additional details you may require.

Thank you,
Eric

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Eric Berto

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#102

From: **David Gilbert** <tiburonland@icloud.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 2:50 PM

Subject: Ca salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

PLEASE ADOPT OPTION ONE

Thank you,

David C. Gilbert
Broker/Attorney

#103

From: **Cynthia Gilbert** <jazcreek@icloud.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 2:51 PM

Subject: Salmon Option 1 please

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please chose option 1 for the salmon fishing season

Cynthia Gilbert

#104

From: **Emma Olin** <eolin@santacruzharbor.org>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 2:57 PM

Subject: Letter from Santa Cruz Port District to the PFMC

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Cc: Marian Olin <MOlin@santacruzharbor.org>, Holland MacLaurie <HMacLaurie@santacruzharbor.org>

Hello:

Attached is a letter from the Santa Cruz Port District Commission, dated March 28, 2018, to be distributed to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. A hard copy has been sent as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Emma Olin

Administrative Assistant

Santa Cruz Port District

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March 28, 2019

Pacific Fisheries Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

SUBJECT: Salmon Management

Dear Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC):

The Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor, located on the Central Coast of California, is home to a small and active commercial fishing fleet and is a significant hub for recreational fishing. Salmon is the primary fishery that drives commercial and recreational fishing activity out of Santa Cruz Harbor. The ability of our commercial operators to fish for salmon and ensure continued sustainability of the fishery are essential to ensuring the continued viability of our local fleet.

The Santa Cruz Port District Commission (Port Commission) understands that the PFMC is considering three options for the upcoming commercial salmon season. The Port Commission is concerned that even the most liberal of these options (Option 1) drastically curtails fishing activities this year, and does not provide enough opportunity to make the salmon season financially feasible for our commercial operators.

The Port Commission and Santa Cruz Harbor's commercial operators support measures that ensure rebuilding stocks and the continued sustainability of the Sacramento Fall Run Chinook (SFRC), while providing viable commercial and recreational fishing opportunities. We understand that PFMC may implement strategies suggested by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife intended to protect the SFRC stock, and that commercial operators have concern about full implementation because of variables which have the potential to create negative impacts. We also understand that other alternatives have been suggested by commercial operators that may achieve the objectives of continued viability for commercial operators and sustainability of the salmon fishery.

We urge the PFMC to analyze and consider viable alternatives which achieve these objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Smith', is written over a faint, larger signature.

Dennis Smith, Chairman
Santa Cruz Port District Commission

#105

From: **Joseph Gallia Jr.** <j.g26609@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 3:02 PM
Subject: Salmon Fishing proposal
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Council members,

I am Captain of the New Easy Rider, a sport-fishing vessel out of the Berkeley Marina. I first went fishing with my grandfather as a kid and have worked as a fisherman since I got my first job as a deckhand. The New Easy Rider is a family business operated by me, my dad, step-mom, and a couple deckhands. We've been taking people sport fishing for over 20 years. Our customers are young and old, veteran fisherman and first-timers, from all walks of life. For many people coming on the boat, it's the only time they experience the ocean. Our return customers are loyal and always eager to get out each year. Many are not wealthy and cannot afford to go ocean fishing any other way.

Shortening the season will have a huge impact on the business, the community, and my family. Option 1 (June - October) is important to our survival this year.

As a business, we rely on the salmon sport fishing business each year to help pay for the increasing costs of the business, including maintaining the boat, keeping up with inspections, docking fees, fuel, licenses, and bait. Just keeping the boat safely operable is very expensive. For example, we just spent approximately \$20,000 in shipyard fees for this year's maintenance. And I did most of the work myself to save an estimated \$15,000 in labor costs. We are already operating with an eye towards keeping our costs down. There are no other cuts we can make.

The community will also suffer from a reduced season because they will have fewer opportunities to hone their skills, socialize with other fisherman, and get closer to the ocean and wildlife. Customers have been calling since January asking about the start of salmon season and wanting to reserve spots. Reducing the season will limit the opportunities for people to come out, and we may lose some customers for good if they move on to other hobbies.

For my family, it is an especially stressful time to be facing a reduced season. We bought our first house in Richmond last year and welcomed a new baby girl this January. We need two incomes just to get by and are concerned how we are going to make it if the business misses out on June in particular, since that month is usually one of the most popular times. Losing April and May will already be a significant hit.

Thank you for your consideration,
Captain Joey Gallia

#106

From: **John Larsen** <larsenfsn@aol.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 3:45 PM
Subject: 2018 california ocean salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Good afternoon PFMC

I am John Larsen of El Granada CA. I support alternative one. I live in a small coastal town that is dependent on salmon fishing. From small bait shops to gas stations. and so on. Every day without fishing means less money for them to feed there families.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Jarsen

#107

From: **Guy Gilchrist** <guygilchrist@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 4:33 PM
Subject: April Meeting
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I am a California resident and support Alternative 1 for setting this year's salmon season

Guy Gilchrist
Redwood City Ca

#108

From: **frank** <fishfra@comcast.net>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 4:54 PM
Subject: recreational salmon season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I urge your members to vote for option 1 . it is the least likely measure to cause immeasurable damage to the fishery. Thanks for listening. Frank J Griskus Jr

#109

From: <fishing@yaquinabaycharters.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 6:29 PM
Subject: Proposed ocean salmon options
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Hello,

I would like to voice support option 2 for the 2018 mark selective salmon fishing season. I would like to see a small decrease of five thousand fish from the proposed forty thousand fish to shift to a non selective season in September.

It is important to give people options for the summer fishing season to take pressure off the nearshore rockfish stocks. A longer summer salmon season will help achieve that goal.

Yaquina Bay Charters

1000 SE Bay Blvd.

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#110

From: **Jim Wilson** <jpwilson118@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 6:34 PM
Subject: 2018 salmon season - Alt 1
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: cpkayak@sbcglobal.net

Gentlemen and Ladies,

I am a California resident and I strongly support Alternative 1 for the San Francisco Bay Area for setting this year's salmon season. I respect this valuable resource and expect my fellow citizens and representatives to pursue this directive.

Regards,
James Wilson

#111

From: **Ken Bates** <kenbatesironic@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 7:39 PM
Subject: 2018 California Salmon Season

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

We are writing in support of option 4 for Salmon fishing in California. It is extremely difficult to operate efficiently in the KMZ as it now stands. At present this area is buried in Dungeness crab gear from 4 fathoms clear out to 110 fathoms, which on this part of the coast, is many miles offshore. The only area without crab gear is Eel River submarine canyon which is south of the open area in the KMZ. Our past experience with trying to catch 20 fish per day and deliver back to Eureka resulted in fish unloading at 10:00PM at night and a 4 AM departure time to run down Humboldt Bay, across the bar and run as far as Trinidad or Patrick's Point while trying to avoid crab gear. Eventually one needs to give up trying to get back to Eureka to deliver (too late) and miss the next fishing day. Option 4 would allow us to be more fuel efficient and make 4 day trips between deliveries.

thank you

Ken Bates and Linda Hildebrand

F/V Ironie

Eureka, California

#112

From: **Harmon Shragge** <harmon@shragge.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:35 PM

Subject: I CHOOSE OPTION ONE!!

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Thank you!

#113

From: **DAVID A. DOUMA** <Dave.X.Douma@kp.org>

Date: Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 9:19 PM

Subject: Alt 1 please

To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Hello,

Please see fit to chose Alt #1. Thank you all for your time and dedication to help preserve our salmon fishery. Keep up the good work. It all starts with the water.

Dave Douma, Napa, California. [707-287-3651](tel:707-287-3651)

#114

From: **wilson quick** <sunrafish@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 8:04 AM

Subject: California 2018 salmon season

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

I would like Your support for Option 4 . Option 4 is all about fishing the escapement of Sacramento Fall Run Chinook salmon at the minimum escapement of 122,000 fish. The difference between Option 1 and Option 4 is 26,000 Sacramento Fall Run. 26,000 salmon, in my opinion, is not going to make a difference in the rebuilding the stock. But it can make a difference in the survival of our fleet and our communities. What will make a difference is proper water management and hatchery practice's .Thank You. Captain Wilson Quick F.V. Sun Ra

#115

From: **Marc Schmidt** <coastlinecharters@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 8:51 AM

Subject: Support for liberal sport and commercial CA KMZ salmon season comment

To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Councilmembers,

Please consider the most liberal sport and commercial CA KMZ salmon seasons possible when deciding final season structure for 2018! I own and operate a charter boat out of Eureka as well as a small commercial salmon troller and

allowing as much salmon opportunity for both sport and commercial at home would make a massive improvement to our income and the amount of time I get to stay at home with my wife and kids instead of having to travel out of the area just to make the bills. Lets fish the fish in the ocean that are supposed to be here! Of the current alternatives published, I support ALT 3 for sport and commercial.

We had NO sport opportunity for CA KMZ last year and that killed business and income last year and already this year the bookings are the worst I have ever seen. When there is no salmon season here people forget how good it is, they just remember last year and going elsewhere. The earlier the salmon opener for sport season the better so we can get out there, catch some salmon, and post up fishing reports and then, the phone will start ringing so we can get people heading our way to come fish. I would suggest June 16th - Sept 3rd for 2018 sport season and even an earlier start date of memorial day weekend (May 26th) that will help us make up from last year.

My commercial salmon fishing often involves leaving my boat in Bragg and fishing my days off of charter work in the Horse Mnt to Pnt Arena zone but last year I went all the way to Bodega and fished our way to Half Moon Bay on August 1st opener after hearing about the sport fleet crushing them for months just to show up and catch 16 fish in 2 days. A week earlier we would have made some money instead I wasted many days away from home just to break even. There are many of us commercial salmon fishermen that live in the KMZ would like to see more opportunity in the CA KMZ this year and into the future. Eureka is where the season used to start for the season and now the norm is to give us a few fish to fish for in September, the worse time of year to fish for a commercial sized salmon in the ocean. I don't really like those credit card fish anyway, I'd rather see us get them the following May if they count 1 for 1. We still participate as it is our only opportunity at home but we are very happy of the possible opportunity of fishing at home earlier in the season. We really could use as many fish in May and June for our commercial CA KMZ season in 2018 as this is when price is high and we are low on money as we have already been spending what we haven't made just to get ready.

Please support the small fishing operations in the CA KMZ and vote for the Alt 3 season structure for sport and commercial season for 2018.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marc Schmidt
Eureka, CA
Coastline Charters
and F/V Reel Magic

#116
From: **Tim** <reelsteel@humboldt1.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 9:28 AM
Subject: 2018 recreational Ocean Salmon Season Structure
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

The alternatives for this year's recreational season structures appears to be a choice between North and South. As a Eureka based Charter boat operator the clear choice for my business would be OPTION THREE. However, the needs of other areas are also important, especially the Fort Bragg area which could see a significant reduction in visiting anglers since there is no Abalone harvest this year. I would support 'option two' as a fair alternative.

As far as Coho 'take' in the KMZ, there are a few things to consider:

- 1- After many years of Chinook only fishing the fleet is able to target Chinook and avoid Coho better than it did years ago with fishing tactics such as downriggers and 'heavy' release weights that take the lines below the Coho to the deeper Chinook.
- 2- Anglers have become more proficient at identifying Coho in the water and releasing them boatside.
- 3- If there are fewer Coho then the chance of encounter is lower.

Thank you, Tim Klassen, owner Reel Steel Sportfishing, Eureka Ca ph [707-499-4925](tel:707-499-4925)

#117

From: **R. Benjamin** <robert.benjamin.md@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 9:45 AM
Subject: Salmon season
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please.... option one!!!

Many thanks for all that you do.

Robert Benjamin

#118

From: **Harvey Blodgett** <harvey.blodgett@pinnaclebankonline.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 12:38 PM
Subject: Salmon Season Recommendation
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I would like to encourage the PFMC to adopt Alternative 1 in California.

Harvey L. Blodgett

#119

From: **Jason McLellan** <jmclellan802@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 1:24 PM
Subject: Comment - 2018 Ocean Salmon Fishing Alternatives
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Alternative III for the 2018 ocean salmon fisheries, because it supports conservation. After several years of declining escapement across Pacific Northwest salmon stocks, it is time to choose conservation. Alternative III will provide substantial harvest in the ocean in support of coastal economies, while also supporting river fisheries and associated economies and conservation. Based on the 2018 escapement forecasts, few rivers will have escapement in excess of carrying capacity. Therefore, it would be beneficial to these stocks if greater numbers were allowed to spawn.

Thank you for your consideration.

#120

From: **Braddon, Matthew C** <MBraddon@chevron.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 1:57 PM
Subject: Salmon Season
To: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

I am writing you to provide my wishes for this upcoming Salmon season. Salmon fishing is my passion. I have spent my whole life doing it. Nowadays the added benefit to me is I get to feed my family with some of the most healthy food that is available to us. All the farmed fish in supermarkets these days is disgusting to me. Added color and whatever other nasty stuff is in that meat from these fish that are living on top of each other. Not to mention these farms are killing the environment.

I do not believe that restricting the fishery is providing any improvement to the fishery year over year. Until we address the water usage and the habitat in the rivers for the spawning fish nothing will change.

For now, I vote for alternative 1.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Matt Braddon

#121

From: **Mark Dunlap** <mark@springvalleyranch.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 3:42 PM
Subject: Proposed salmon regulations
To: "<pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Hello

I strongly support options 2 for the proposed salmon season.

The Fort Bragg area has already suffered a severe economic blow from the cancellation of abalone season. Our small businesses badly need the extra two weeks of salmon fishing.

Thank you, Mark Dunlap

#122

3/23/2018

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Comment On: NOAA-NMFS-2017-0113-0001

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

Document: NOAA-NMFS-2017-0113-0020

Comment from Ronn Schuttie

Submitter Information

Name: Ronn Schuttie

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212 Hyak Road
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Organization: Self

General Comment

Hi You really need to review the Alaska Winter Troll catch for Chinook that ended March 15th. These are actual fish numbers similar to trawl test fisheries of NOAA. Many of these fish are destined for the lower 48. There were 40% more fisherman for 10% less fish. The current North of Falcon season options in place are debating over ghost fish.

Next year please consider actual findings verses statistical formulas.

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Comment On: NOAA-NMFS-2017-0113-0001
Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

Document: NOAA-NMFS-2017-0113-DRAFT-0021
Comment from Gary W

Submitter Information

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General Comment

All of your good work may be a losing battle, at least in the Greater Seattle area which I'm most familiar with, due to the loss of habitat and environmental quality when development is allowed to be built without consideration or mitigating the impacts. In Seattle for example if an area can be zoned as "Urban Village" development is exempt from EIS requirements even though it is acknowledged once impacts of development are recognized mitigation will be required and likely it will be too little, too late and not cost effective. Allowing development prior to compensating for it's impacts is destructive. Infrastructure needs to precede or at least keep up with development.
