

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO SALMON TOPICS NOT ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA

From: Pamela Regan <pamelacregan@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 10, 2018 at 10:14 AM
Subject: Please help the orcas
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Please allocate sufficient salmon to ensure the survival and reproductive viability of the orca pod living in your waters. They are an important part of our natural world, and their loss harms us all. You have the authority to make a difference in these wonderful creatures' lives, and - consequently - the lives of the people who care about them. Please help.
Sincerely,
Dr. Pamela Regan
Redondo Beach, California

From: OnBoard Tours <onboardtours@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, Aug 11, 2018 at 5:01 PM
Subject: Please Help Southern Resident Killer Whales-Orca
To: "info@psc.org" <info@psc.org>, "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Pacific Salmon Commission and Pacific Fishery Management Council,

I'm sure you are aware of the critical state the (SRKWs) Southern Resident Killer Whales-Orca are in, their population is declining to extinction.

They have particular 'taste' for Chinook salmon, 80% of their diet, the most nutritious, excellent choice for thousands of years. Unfortunately they are not adapting well to the decline in salmon.

Here is where we can make a difference, help the SRKWs get enough to eat: The Salish Sea includes the core late spring and summer foraging area for these SRKWs. Please allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon from the Fraser River for these endangered iconic species. We are all connected and dependent upon each other in our ecosystems. If they aren't doing well, we're not doing well. It's time these Species at Risk, Endangered, distinct population of Southern Resident Killer Whales-Orca have a place at the salmon table.

Will our legacy be that we did too little too late and watched the SRKWs go extinct before our eyes, or that we did provide more salmon and saved them? What stories will we tell our grandchildren? What stories will future seven generations be telling about us?

Thank you all for your time and consideration.
Hopefully you will be making decisions that we know in our hearts are the right decisions.

Sincerely,
Caroline Armon
Marine Ecology Educator

From: Karleen Marshall <karleen.marshall@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, Aug 12, 2018 at 10:06 AM
Subject: Allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon from all west coast rivers for the endangered SRKW
To: "info@psc.org" <info@psc.org>
Cc: "pfmc.comments@noaa.gov" <pfmc.comments@noaa.gov>

Please help these whales! Please allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon for all west coast rivers for the endangered SRKW. Please don't ignore the plea of whale J35 go unnoticed. Her pain has touched the nation and touched me as well. She is screaming to you to save her species. Please do anything you can to help her. It is a human made problem that caused her pain and suffering and it only right for humans to do all we can to fox the damage we have caused!

Thank you!
Karleen Marshall

From: Caroline Bowers <caroline.bowers@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 13, 2018 at 3:47 PM
Subject: Orcas need food
To: info@psc.org
Cc: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Dear Pacific Salmon Commission & Pacific Fishery Management Council,

Please allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon from all west coast rivers for the endangered SRKWs.

Thank you.
Caroline Bowers

From: Margaret Kelly Rambo <mkr garden@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Subject: Help save the Southern Resident Orca Population
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

Help the whales get enough to eat!

The Salish Sea includes the core summer foraging area for the Southern Resident Orcas. I urge you to allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon from all west coast rivers for the endangered Orcas, and for J35. Based on estimates of food requirements the average whale may consume about 18-25 adult salmon daily just to maintain their energy requirements. Using the low end of the spectrum, that means that about 1,500 salmon are required each day to sustain our Orca population. That means we need at least 500,000 salmon a year if we want the population to grow.

Southern Resident orcas are starving chronically and sporadically, leading to stillbirths and early deaths, compounded by toxic pollutants in their bodies. Southern Residents depend mainly on Chinook salmon and those salmon are at historic lows and still dropping.

- While every restoration effort, dam removal, and harvest restriction helps, by far the largest possible increase in salmon would result from breaching the 4 lower Snake River dams.
- The Army Corps of Engineers has the authority and the funding at this time to begin breaching the 4 lower Snake River dams under their 2002 EIS, as Option #4. Career officials in DC understand the cost savings from removing the dams and would support that.
- The Army Corps in DC won't order the Walla Walla District to begin breaching without hearing from the Washington delegation, namely Gov. Inslee and senior Senator Murray.
- Gov. Inslee and Sen. Murray won't provide that support without widespread support and public awareness that breaching is needed to avoid the extinction of multiple salmon populations and Southern Resident orcas. It is within their power to provide the political backing to authorize the Army Corps to commence breaching in the coming year.
- To provide the greatest increase in Chinook and other salmon for the starving Southern Resident orcas, it would be most effective to direct our sense of urgency and our educational efforts toward informing the public that dam breaching could begin in 2018 with the support of the people of Washington, expressed by Gov. Inslee and Sen. Murray.

By all of our efforts I hope we can keep these magnificent animals from extinction.

Thank you for your attention,
Margaret Kelly Rambo, Seattle WA

From: Jennifer B <jennibel6@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 1:56 PM
Subject: Allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon from all west coast rivers for the endangered Orcas
To: info@psc.org
Cc: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

As a citizen of the PNW, US, and taxpayer, I am appalled by the plight of the orcas in our waters.

It is your responsibility to help the whales get enough to eat. The Salish Sea includes the core summer foraging area for the Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKWs). I am writing to ask you to enact commonsense as the Pacific Salmon Commission and allocate 500,000 Chinook salmon from all west coast rivers for the endangered SRKWs.

Thank you,
Jennifer Bale

From: <finleycm@peak.org>
Date: Thu, Aug 23, 2018 at 8:55 AM
Subject: killer whales
To: pfmc.comments@noaa.gov

To: PFMC From: Carl Finley

I see that you are being officially inundated by a letter writing campaign on behalf of the southern killer whales. The campaign is a bit out to lunch; the council has no authority over the Fraser, and I rather doubt that the total Chinook run size is 500,000 fish.

A practical start to "feeding the killer whales" is to buy out west coast ocean fleets and dedicate their former share of the resource to whale relief. I realize that you have no authority over this, but you are a forum to float the concept. I am a long time proponent of buy-outs as opposed to reallocation from existing user groups. The well meaning whale advocates do not have a clue that those Fraser fish are already over-committed to other groups, including Canadian First Nations.

Let's start the discussion.