

IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND PRELIMINARY DEFINITION OF 2019 SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

Using the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) management recommendations as a base (Agenda Item D.4.b, Supplemental SAS Report), the Council should identify the range of management elements in the alternatives for public review (harvest ranges, special restrictions, and basic season structure). The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will attempt to collate the Council's identified management elements into coordinated coastwide alternatives. The 2019 collated alternatives will be returned to the Council for review and any further direction on Saturday, March 9, Sunday, March 10 and Monday, March 11 as needed. This will be followed by STT analysis and final adoption of the alternatives on Tuesday, March 12. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1 provides guidance for developing and assessing the alternatives.

Any alternative considered for adoption that deviates from Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) objectives will require implementation by emergency rule. If an emergency rule appears to be necessary, the Council must clearly identify and justify the need for such an action consistent with emergency criteria established by the Council (Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 3).

Before defining the alternatives, the Council should be briefed on any pertinent management constraints resulting from action by the Pacific Salmon Commission, action by the California Fish and Game Commission to set the allocation of Klamath River fall Chinook or Sacramento River fall Chinook for the inside recreational fisheries; and NMFS constraints for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The California Salmon Council has submitted a project proposal to collect genetic samples from salmon during periods of non-retention when the commercial salmon fishery is closed (Agenda Item D.4.a, California Salmon Council Report 1). This project focuses on Klamath River and California Coastal Chinook and is part of the larger West Coast Salmon Genetic Stock Identification (WCS-GSI) Project. Low stock abundances and minimal available impacts have constrained this work in past years.

The Council may also want to consider recommendations for inseason action to modify fisheries that may open prior to May 1, 2019, as impacts accrued in these fisheries may affect opportunity in summer fisheries. Currently, the Oregon commercial fishery from Cape Falcon to the Oregon/California border and the Oregon recreational fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. are scheduled to open March 15, 2019. The California commercial fishery from Horse Mountain to Point Arena is scheduled to open April 16-30, 2019, and the California recreational fisheries from Horse Mt. to the U.S./Mexico border are scheduled to open April 6, 2019.

Additionally, under the Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut, incidental halibut retention in commercial salmon troll fisheries is scheduled to begin April 1. The Council may discuss changes to incidental Pacific halibut retention when considering 2019 regulations for fisheries opening prior to May 1, 2019.

Council Action:

1. **Using the SAS proposals and other agency and public input, define basic management elements and alternatives for STT collation into coastwide management alternatives.**
2. **Consider the need for inseason action to address salmon fisheries opening prior to May 1, 2019.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1: Guidance for Alternative Development and Assessment.
2. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2: Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP.
3. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 3: FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules.
4. Agenda Item D.4.a, California Salmon Council Report 1.
5. *Agenda Item D.4.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1: SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Alternatives for 2019 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries.*

Agenda Order:

- D.4 Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2018 Salmon Management Alternatives
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| | Robin Ehlke |
| a. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission | Phil Anderson |
| b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Provide Council Recommendations for Initial Management Measure Alternatives for Salmon Technical Team Collation and Description | |

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