

SALMON HEARING SUMMARY ON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

Oregon Salmon Public Hearing	
Date: March 23, 2020 Location: Webinar (Previously scheduled to occur in Coos Bay, OR) Attendance: 18 Testifying: 4	Hearing Officer: Mr. Chris Kern NMFS: Ms. Peggy Mundy Coast Guard: Mr. Chris German Salmon Team Member: Mr. Craig Foster Council Staff: Ms. Robin Ehlke
Organizations Represented:	
Six-pack charters, Oregon Coast Anglers	

Opening Remarks

Mr. Chris Kern provided opening remarks for the hearing. Mr. Craig Foster reviewed Alternatives for the commercial and recreational salmon seasons, and Alternatives for incidental halibut retention in the salmon troll fishery.

Synopsis of Testimony

Of the 4 people testifying specifically to the Alternatives:

- 1 was primarily interested in the commercial troll fishery (preferred Alternatives III;)
- 3 were primarily interested in the recreational fishery (all preferred Alternative I).
- 1 attendee (same person testifying for commercial interest) represented ports, processors, or other community interests
- 0 commented on incidental halibut retention.

Commercial Troll Comments

- Alt III provides a higher escapement for Klamath River fall Chinook, which will help in future years, especially when the dams are removed.

Recreational Comments

- Alt I Falcon to Humbug – extend the August 2 closing date and modify inseason if necessary.
- Consider changing the opener for the non-mark selective coho fishery to the weekend after Labor Day.
- Alt I Humbug to OR/CA border - best opportunity is July, winds can limit fishing opportunity, so longer the season the better.
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Other Comments

- Concerns on how COVID-19 is impacting the fishing industry – marine repair, processors, charter-boat operators, etc.

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