

Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan:
Amendment 20:
Proposed Change to the Preseason Schedule
and to the
Klamath Management Zone Boundary

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One
Amendment

Two
Changes

Okay, maybe three



Preseason Schedule



Boundary Change



Housekeeping

Goals for today



Adopt Purpose and Need, and Scope of Action for boundary proposal



Review range of alternatives for both proposals



Consider adopting Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for both proposals



Discuss future workload and schedule

Purpose and Need – Boundary Change



Purpose: change the defined southern boundary of the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) from latitude 40°05' (Horse Mountain, California) five miles north to latitude 40°10'



This would reduce the size of the KMZ and increase the size of the adjacent Fort Bragg (FB) fishery management area by five miles



Need: simplify management by aligning the southern boundary of the KMZ with the federal groundfish boundary and fulfill the request of the local commercial fishers to move the boundary.

Scope of Action – Boundary Change



Define the boundary between the KMZ and FB as a line at latitude 40°10', also referred to by the local commercial salmon fleet as the 'Helliwell line'



If the southern KMZ boundary was moved, those five miles will become part of the FB management area, hence increasing the FB management area and decreasing the KMZ



Proposed action could potentially affect both recreational and commercial fisheries in these areas

Range of Alternatives

Preseason schedule



Two proposals:
implementation date and
set a fixed transmittal date



A later date in May allows for more time for the
federal rule-making process



Date change can be accommodated by including
early May fisheries in the salmon package the
year prior (just like the late-April fisheries)



Fixed transmittal date allows 24-day federal
process time. April Council and Pre-III report
need to be completed prior to transmittal

Range of Alternatives

4.1 Preseason schedule - Change May 1 date



Change implementation date

- Alternative 4.1.1 – Status quo. Maintain the effective date of May 1.
- Alternative 4.1.2 – Annual effective date May 15.
- Alternative 4.1.3 – Annual effective date May 16.

Range of Alternatives

4.1 Preseason schedule - Set transmittal date



Set a fixed transmittal date

- Alternative 4.1.4 – Status quo. No transmittal date set
- Alternative 4.1.5 – Amend the schedule to include an annual transmittal date that provides 24 days for NMFS
 - May 15 would suggest a transmittal date of April 21

Range of Alternatives

4.2 Boundary change



Modify the defined boundary of the KMZ

- Alternative 4.2.1 – Status quo. No KMZ boundary change
- Alternative 4.2.2 – Modify the southern KMZ boundary to latitude 40°10'

Boundary Change - Considerations



Provides safety, ease in enforcement, and potential increased fishing area for commercial salmon troll



Data are lacking to estimate any changes in impacts to salmon stocks from the proposed boundary change



Salmon stocks of concern include KRFC and SRFC (overfished), and California coastal Chinook and SONCC coho (ESA-listed)

Housekeeping

- No action needed
- Minor editing and updating



Status determination criteria



NMFS regional reorganization



Other items as needed

2020 Trajectory



September 2019: Project Team assigned to develop report for November 2019 on proposed preseason schedule change



November 2019– Council identifies topics for FMP amendment 20– (schedule and boundary); adopts purpose and need, scope, and ROA for preseason schedule



June 2020– Council adopts scope/ purpose and need for boundary change, identifies/adopts Preliminary Preferred Alternatives both topics for public review



July- August 2020 – Project Team develops analytical documents as necessary



September 2020 – Council adopts final preferred alternatives for recommendation to NMFS



Time is short – efficiency is crucial

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