

Agenda Item F.2 Southern Resident Killer Whale ESA Consultation -- Final Action

Council Action:

1. Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative to Amend the Salmon Fishery Management Plan
2. Consider Other Recommendations of the SRKW.

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I move that the Council adopt the following measures from Agenda Item F.2.a, SRKW Workgroup Reports 1 and 2, November 2020, as the final preferred alternative for amendment of the Salmon Fishery Management Plan:

- Establish a threshold for annual pre-fishing Chinook salmon abundance in the area North of Cape Falcon below which management actions will be triggered.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.c –The threshold is based on the arithmetic mean of the seven lowest years of abundance in the data series considered by the SRKW Workgroup in its Risk Assessment (1994-1996, 1998-2000 and 2007). This value is 966,000 using current models, but as noted this value is subject to change if FRAM or Shelton et al. models are recalibrated. The methodology for determining the value will remain the same if the models are recalibrated.
- When a year's preseason abundance projection for the area North of Cape Falcon in FRAM time-step one falls below the established threshold, the following management actions will be implemented through the annual management measures for that year, as described in Agenda Item F.2.a, SRKW Workgroup Report 2, November 2020:
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 1A – Reduce quotas for non-treaty fisheries North of Falcon to not exceed the value generated by regression analysis of historic time-step 1 Chinook abundance and non-treaty Chinook quotas.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 2A – No more than 50 percent of the commercial troll Chinook salmon quota will be assigned to the spring (May-June) period
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 3A – Close the expanded area of the Columbia River control zone as described to salmon retention from the start of non-treaty ocean salmon fisheries until June 15.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 3B – Close the Grays Harbor control zone to salmon retention from the start of non-treaty ocean salmon fisheries until June 15.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 5A – Delay the start of the commercial troll fishery between Cape Falcon and the Oregon/California border until April 1.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 5B – Close the Oregon waters of the Klamath Management Zone to commercial and recreational salmon fisheries from October 1 through March 31 of the following year.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 6A – Close commercial and recreational salmon fisheries in the Monterey management area from October 1 through March 31 of the following year.
 - Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 6B - Beginning October 1 through March 31 of the following year close commercial and recreational fisheries in the California waters of the KMZ.

- Alternative 3.1.2.e, Option 6C – Increase the duration of the Klamath Control Zone area expansion beginning September 1 through March 31 of the following year.

Moved by Kyle Adicks Second by Brett Kormos

Motion passed unan.

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