

SALMON HEARING SUMMARY ON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES  
OREGON REPORT

The public hearing focused on salmon management alternatives affecting Oregon was held online on the evening of Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Representatives on hand included:

Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council):	Mr. Chris Kern (Oregon)
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS):	Mr. Tony Siniscal
United States Coast Guard (USCG):	Mr. Chris German
Council Staff:	Ms. Robin Ehlke
Salmon Technical Team (STT):	Ms. Emily Shallow (Oregon)

**Participants**

An estimated 27 participants attended the online meeting, including the representatives listed above and other agency staff.

**Opening Remarks**

Mr. Kern provided opening remarks for the hearing as the Council representative for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Ms. Shallow reviewed alternatives for the commercial and recreational salmon seasons, and for incidental halibut retention in the salmon troll fishery.

**Summary of Testimony**

A total of five people provided testimony:

- One was primarily interested in the commercial troll fishery (preferred Alternative I)
- Four were primarily interested in the recreational fishery (most preferred Alternative I)
  
- Zero commented on incidental halibut retention

Commercial Testimony

- One troller preferred Alternative I noting that the structure allowed fishers to better work around weather, and preferred Alternative II over Alternative III, acknowledging the seasons offered are not that good.

Recreational Testimony

- Three anglers preferred Alternative I. One advocated for a coho start date earlier than any of the three alternatives (June 3 or 10); one advocated for keeping start date later, but recognized south coast anglers may be more affected by that.
- One angler preferred Alternative III if can add coho season for Humbug to OR/CA border area- if not, go with Alternative II.
- Two opposed closure of recreational Chinook in August (Alternative III).
- One angler mentioned support for a non-mark selective (wild) coho fishery.
- One angler asked for leaving room for later consideration of freshwater wild coho fisheries by ODFW.

**Other Comments**

One person raised concern that model performance and calculation of impacts, particularly for recreational Chinook in Oregon areas, did not appear to match up with past actual catches.

Appreciation was expressed for the hard work of the advisory body and technical team members, and for the opportunity to provide virtual public comment.

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