

**SALMON HEARING SUMMARY ON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES
OREGON REPORT**

The public hearing focused on salmon management alternatives affecting Oregon was held in-person on the evening of Monday, March 20. Representatives on hand included:

Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council):	Mr. John North (Oregon)
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS):	N/A
United States Coast Guard (USCG):	Mr. Chris German
Council Staff:	Mr. Kit Dahl
Salmon Technical Team (STT):	Ms. Cassie Leeman (Oregon)

Participants

An estimated 13 participants attended the in-person meeting, including the representatives listed above and other agency staff.

Opening Remarks

Mr. North provided opening remarks for the hearing as the Council representative for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Ms. Leeman reviewed alternatives for the commercial and recreational salmon seasons.

Summary of Testimony

A total of 6 people provided testimony:

- 3 were primarily interested in the commercial troll fishery.
- 3 were primarily interested in the recreational fishery.

There were no comments on incidental halibut retention.

Commercial Testimony

- 1 commercial troller noted that the rollover of the 10,000 fin-clipped coho to the September recreational non-selective coho season did not provide much benefit.
- 1 commercial troller supported Alternative I as it provided the most time on the water.
- 1 commercial troller noted that access to coho June 17-August 31 did not provide benefits because of the lack of markets for these small fish. Favors opening the fishery in April or earlier with a quota.
- 1 commercial troller favored switching the weekly landing limits north of Cape Falcon under Alternative I of 60 Chinook May 1-June 29, with the 100 Chinook per week July 1-September 30 but would accept 80 Chinook per week during both periods.
- 1 commercial troller recommended allowing fish caught north of Cape Falcon to be landed in Newport.
- 1 commercial troller stated they could not support any fisheries proposed and supported a full closure for all fisheries.

Recreational Testimony

- 1 recreational angler stated the rollover of recreational quota to the commercial fishery in Alternative I would not provide much benefit.

- 2 recreational anglers supported preserving as much fishing opportunity as possible.
- 1 recreational angler was in support of the 1 fish per day bag limit for the September and October fisheries in Alternative II to protect the Chinook salmon spawners.

Other Comments

Several meeting participants argued for greater restrictions on inside recreational fisheries catch, noting the impact of guides from out of state on Southern Oregon rivers. One noted the impact of Alaska hatchery production on West Coast stock productivity. One commercial troller noted that short openings combined with bad weather can eliminate fishing opportunities entirely.

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