

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FURTHER DIRECTION FOR 2025  
MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the documents associated with Agenda Item E.5. Further Direction for 2025 Management Alternatives and have the following comments.

Regarding [E.4.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#), the EC reviewed the recreational management alternatives for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries found in Table 2, and recommends the following:

1. When the recreational take of ocean salmon is closed in the Oregon portion of the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) and open in the California portion of the KMZ, the EC recommends regulatory language that prohibits the possession of salmon onboard a vessel in ocean waters of the Oregon portion of the KMZ, regardless of where the salmon were taken.
2. When the recreational take of ocean salmon is closed in the California portion of the KMZ and open in the Oregon portion of the KMZ, the EC recommends regulatory language that prohibits the possession of salmon onboard a vessel in ocean waters of the California portion of the KMZ, regardless of where the salmon were taken.

In other instances when recreational salmon is allowed to be possessed in closed waters, the EC recommends adding regulatory language that states the following: “It is unlawful for a vessel to have recreational gear in the water while in any area closed to fishing for a certain species of salmon, while possessing that species of salmon; however, fishing for species other than salmon is not prohibited if the area is open for fishing for such species, and no salmon are in possession.” This language is similar to the commercial rule found in Table 1, section C.4.a on page 10.

Federal and state regulations are inconsistent in regard to possession of salmon in these closed areas. This action would close this loop to create regulatory consistency.

The EC is open to further discussions related to potential impacts that would result from these recommendations.