

Public Correspondence

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as of May 17, 2011**

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From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:52 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Tillamook Public Meeting 4/28/11 presentation and notes
Importance: High
Attachments: Tillamook Meeting Attendance List 4_28_2011.xls; 2011 Angling Regulations Meeting Notes - Tillamook.doc; Tillamook Public Meeting 4_28_11 Final.ppt

Did you receive this already? I highlighted in pink below what Ron wanted in the packet.

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From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 1:26 PM
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Cc: stephen.h.williams@state.or.us; Ron Boyce
Subject: Tillamook Public Meeting 4/28/11 presentation and notes

Jessica- as discussed, here is the Tillamook Power Point that the public wanted posted on our web.

Amanda- attached are the meeting notes and attendance list to be included in the June Commission packet.

I will be forwarding the Newport and North Bend meeting materials next, thanks

From: Chris Knutsen
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Cc: Ed Bowles; Robert Bradley
Subject: RE: Newport salmon regulation meeting notes 4-27-2011

Last night went very smooth with no surprises. Best in 3 years!!! Nehalem area closures (i.e. Bar) the only significant issue.

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Thanks Mike, Bob, Chris and all staff for once again making the meetings a huge success. Good lively discussions on options this year and for the upcoming 4 year review and coastal conservation planning.

I'll check with I&E on Monday where they want us to post the presentations (Chris- I'm not sure I have your final).

Thanks again, have a great day and weekend!

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2011 Angling Regulations Meeting (Fall Chinook and Coho Fisheries) - Tillamook
April 28, 7p-9p
Oregon Department of Forestry Building

Public Present: 22

Nehalem

Close the Nehalem Bar (state park to jetty tips) through September and move upper deadline upstream for bank anglers. (Vote 13 in favor, 0 against) *(ck: strong support)*

It is too soon to reduce restrictions in Nehalem Basin

Staff options do not offer much bank angling opportunity. Consider moving upper deadline to Mohler Sand and Gravel (opens Winslow Hole). *(ck: strong support)*

Tillamook

For wild coho, consider Kincheloe point as lower deadline (instead of jetty tips).

Nestucca

Keep the mouth open (as proposed) – strong support *(ck: strong support)*

Support for August 1 opener (versus last years Sept. 15 rule) *(ck: strong support)*

Wild Coho General

Implement wild coho tag

No support for wild coho “river” fishery

Provide opportunity for retention of injured wild coho

Minimal support for days-of-the-week coho fisheries.

Other

Get out more ID cards so anglers can tell the difference between coho and Chinook

2011 Coastal Chinook and Coho Fisheries

Public Meetings To Review Fisheries Options

April 26 – North Bend

April 27 – Newport

April 28 – Tillamook



Public Input and Decisions on 2011 Fishery Regulations for Chinook in Terminal Ocean and River Fisheries and Inland Wild Coho Fisheries

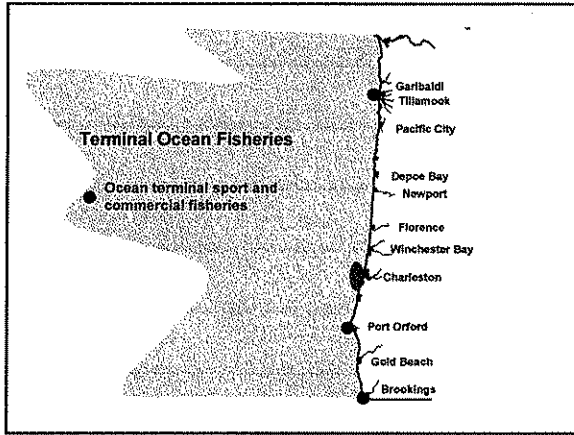
- Public meetings April 26-28 to solicit input on 2011 fishery regulations
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www.dfw.state.or.us
- To be included in the Commission packet, written public comments due to the Commission by May 17

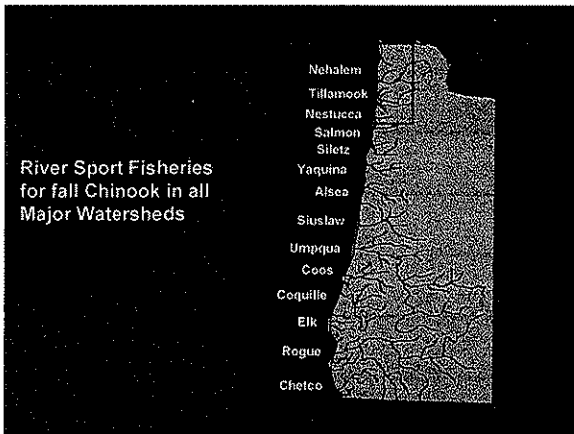
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- June 3 Commission meeting in Salem

What Fisheries are being Reviewed?

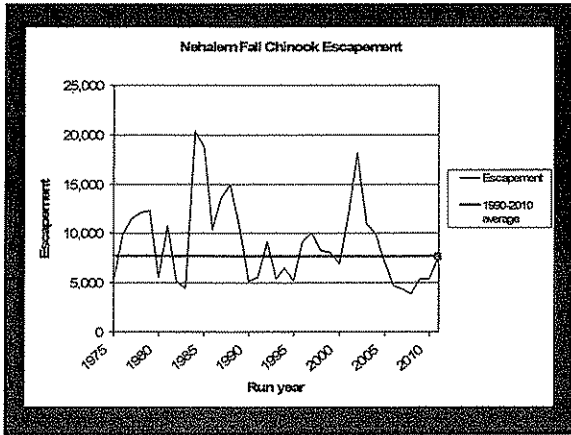
- Traditional ocean terminal sport and commercial fisheries
- Inland sport fisheries for Chinook in all major watersheds
- Inland sport fisheries for wild coho in 11 coastal basins including Nehalem, Tillamook, and Nestucca.

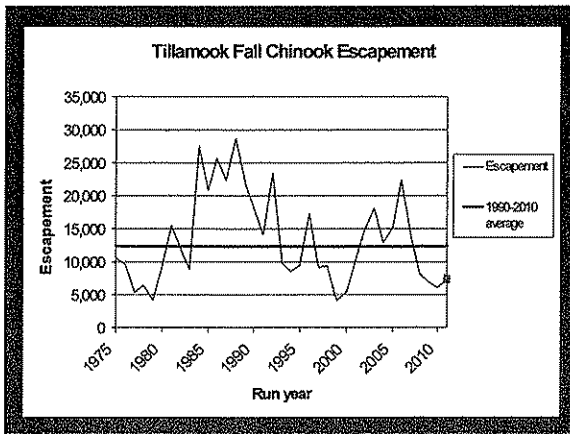


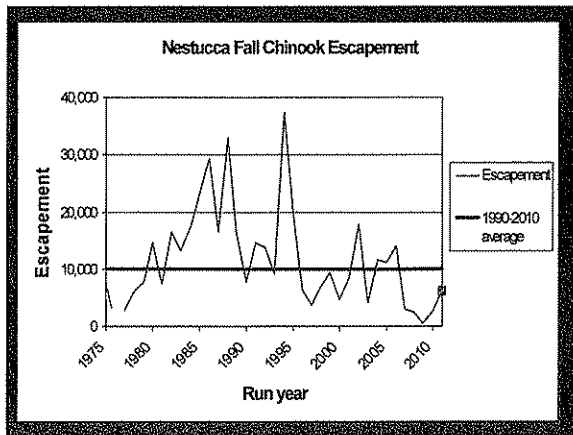


Sideboards for 2011 Fall Chinook Regulation

- Overall, improved prospects for fisheries due to improved spawning escapements and forecasts.
- 2011 some restrictive regulations are needed in some basins (mainly on the North Coast) to address conservation needs.
- Regulations need to be simple and consistent.



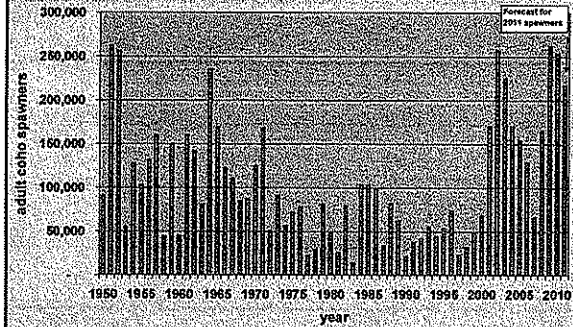




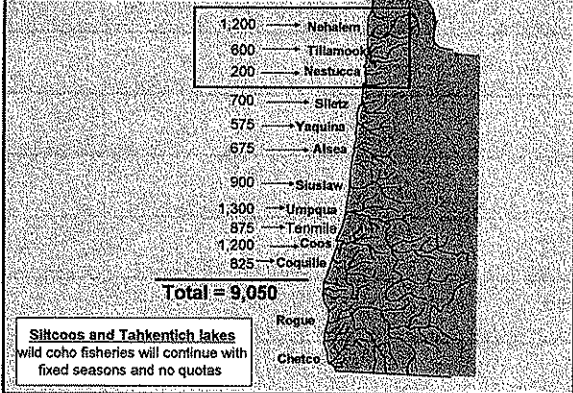
Coho salmon



Wild coho spawners in the Oregon Coast ESU



2011 Proposed Wild Coho Quotas



North Coast wild coho harvest staff proposal

	Season length	Quota	Bag Limits	Open area
Nehalem	Sept. 15- Nov. 30 or quota	1200	1 daily/2 Seasonal	Mouth to Miami-Foley Bridge on mainstem and NF Road Bridge on North Fork (same as in 2009)
Tillamook	"	600	1 daily/1 Seasonal	#1 Mouth to Hwy 101 Bridges except on Tillamook River (Burton Bridge) or, #2 Lower Trask and Wilson rivers (non tidal fishery)
Nestucca	"	200	1 daily/1 Seasonal	#1 Tidewater below Cloverdale Bridge not including Little Nestucca or, #2 Mainstem (non tidal) Cloverdale to first bridge

Options for coastal regulations

- Additional ideas for 2011
- Four year angling regulation process
 - Starts soon for 2013 implementation
- Planning process underway for coastal chinook, steelhead, chum salmon and cutthroat trout
 - Additional venue for angling regulation concepts

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2011 Fall Chinook and Coho Fisheries Newport Meeting 4-27-2011 Public Comments 38 public, 3 OSP, 8 ODFW

- **Post powerpoint on ODFW website**
- **Why didn't Siletz CHF forecast increase when other rivers did?**
 - **Siletz estimates are high from mark/recapture**
 - **Age structure for Siletz chinook was such that the forecast for 2011 did not increase over 2010**
- **Concerned about difference between PST goals and ODFW goals**
- **Why restrictive fishery on the Siletz if over PST goals?**
- **Want a 2 fish bag limit on Siletz – and other rivers that can sustain this harvest**
- **Estimates have no error bars, makes it difficult to understand**
- **Form coalitions to deal with northern ocean fishery impacts on Oregon chinook**
- **Work together so everyone can enjoy harvesting these fish**
- **What error rates are acceptable for escapement and forecast estimates**
- **Siuslaw – 1 daily 2 seasonal for Coho**
- **No maps of Quarry Creek (Drift Cr Siletz)– only 1 way to get in, can only retain fish if own private property in the lower area – open to Mennonite/Drift Creek bridge or close entirely**
- **Umpqua Coho deadline should be Elkton or Tyee Bridge, so drift boaters have a chance**
- **ODFW regs forcing anglers to target larger fish “Chinook” – need to address size selectivity. Raise jack size and/or some type of slot limit to prevent anglers from sorting to get a larger fish.**
- **2nd chinook under 30” – wants slot limit**
- **Hard to fish smaller fish on 1 fish limit – force anglers to release smaller fish**
- **Increase to 2 fish /day with a slot- Siletz**
- **Coho – 1 per day, keep first fish as a general rule, wild or hatchery. Will reduce hooking mortality.**

- **Guide response to Siletz: 2003 – 6 fish/trip, 2004 – 8.4 fish/trip, 2005 3.5 fish/trip , 2007 2 fish/trap, almost nothing in 2008, 2010 6 fish/trip – fisheries are self-regulating, wants 2 and 10 for Chinook on Siletz.**
- **2 / 10 on the Siletz**
- **1 fish per day hurts tourism/visitors**
- **Drift Creek Siletz Coho - Keep first fish, whether wild or hatchery – reduce mortality from release**
- **Siuslaw – closing Lake Creek forces too many boats in small area**
- **Open Lake Creek at least to Indiola.**
- **Don't open above tidewater on Drift Creek Alsea, prevent private property issues.**
- **Anglers on Siuslaw targeted Coho when there was no fishery**
- **Wants to harvest 5 from Tahkenitch and Siltcoos in addition to 5 in aggregate from other areas**
- **Move deadline down on Siletz to Ojalla bridge as compromise for 2 / 10 vs 1/10**
- **Choose deadlines to minimize angling over redds/ spawning fish**
- **Consider deadlines and bag limits together to determine angler activity and pressure on fish**
- **1 / 10 better at Mill Park**
- **If 2 / 10 move deadline lower to Ojalla bridge or Morgan Park**
- **Fishing on redds overall low on Siletz because not much bank access in lower river**
- **Worst at Cedar Creek (fishing over redds), close this area**
- **Regulations should reduce impact on spawning fish – as strong as possible to prohibit fishing on spawners**
- **Fishing over spawning fish is not ethical, but still trying to provide angling opportunity – must find a way to balance**
- **Concern about mainstem spawners – there are many fish spawning from Old Mill to Ojalla – fishing on these fish is stressing them and impacting their reproduction**
- **Consider 2 / 10 over 1 / 10 if deadline at Ojalla**
- **Drift Creek Siletz – this is NOT an opportunity to fish for many anglers, it is hard to access, put deadline where anglers can find it and have decent access**

- Only other access on Drift Creek is at Mennonite camp, this would provide an opportunity to fish (North Creek or Drift Creek bridge)
- Siletz deadline keeps moving downstream, if Ojalla, the only boat ramp access is very difficult
- Ojalla Bridge limits opportunity for most drift boats
- Bobber fishing only instead of moving deadlines
- Not many anglers fishing over spawning fish from Ojalla to Old Mill
- Close the mouth of Cedar Creek – anglers fishing over spawning fish
- Open up Lake Creek, Deadwood or Indiola – spreads out the fishery – this should be a goal in the future
- Do gas motors impact fish?
- Motors have big impact on lower Siletz
- 2/ 10 on the Siletz, 12% impact will be lower with Coho fishery, 2nd fish won't change the impact much
- 2nd fish is minimal impact and will greatly increase local tourism/economy
- 2nd fish increases fishing opportunity – will increase license sales as well
- Once no longer an emergency, go back to permanent regulations
- Make everyone aware of ocean harvest impacts
- Meet in Waldport/Newport to explain to public the PST and get grassroots support to change policy on ocean harvest
- 2 / 10 on the Siletz keep deadline at Old Mill
- 2 / 10 chf and 1 / 5 coho on Siletz, then go back to permanent regulations
- Anglers fishing on mainstem spawners, and generally don't keep many of them
- Want deadline at Ojalla Bridge
- If 2 / 10 on Siletz, then make deadline compromise to Ojalla bridge
- Have anglers keep track of how many dark fish they catch
- Want lake/reservoir regulations for coho fisheries separate from the river regulations
- Siletz Watershed Council proposes 1 / 10 for Chinook on the Siletz or as a compromise 2/10 with deadline at Ojalla Bridge

- **Although there is limited parking at Ojalla bridge, it will still accommodate 4 in front, 6 across bridge and also along the side road is almost unlimited**

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2011 Coastal Chinook and Coho In-river Fisheries and terminal ocean fisheries
Public Meetings
To Review Fisheries Options

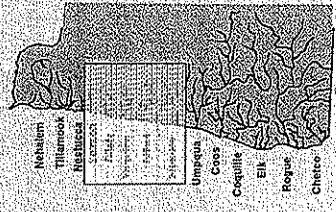


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Public Input and Decisions on 2011 Fishery Regulations for Chinook and Coho River, Bay and terminal ocean fisheries.

- Public meetings April 26-28 to solicit input on 2011 fishery regulations.
- Staff recommendations will be posted on the ODFW website after these meetings. <http://www.odfw.state.or.us>
- Public comments due prior to May 17th to be included in the packet for the In-river, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Salem. When regulations will be adopted.

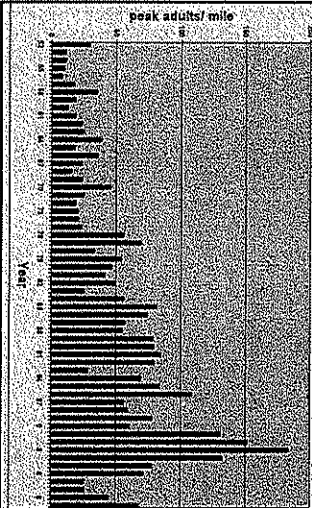
Fall Chinook



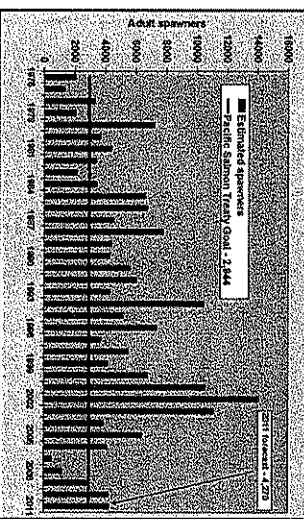
Options for 2014 Fall Chinook Regulations

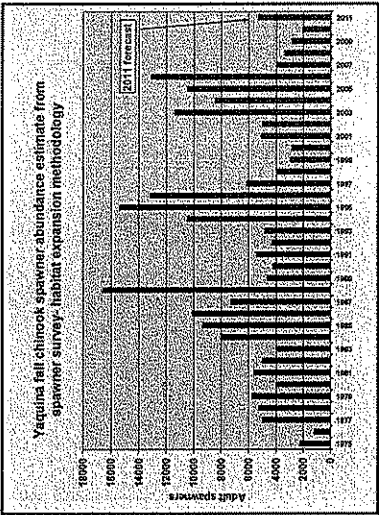
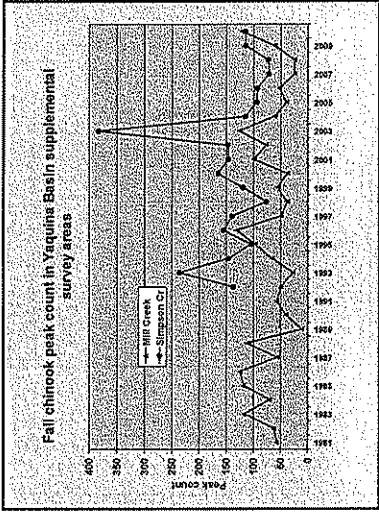
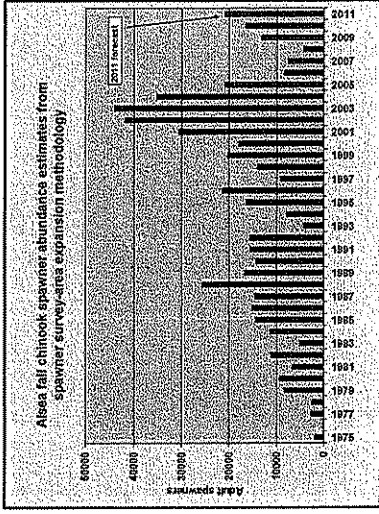
- Improved returns expected overall
- Strong returns from the Alsea south
- Below average returns on the North Coast
- Regulations need to be simple and consistent

Fall chinook spawner abundance in the mid coast
(since Yreka, Alsea, Stuxen)



Siletz Basin fall chinook spawner estimates
based on spawner survey habitat expansion methodology





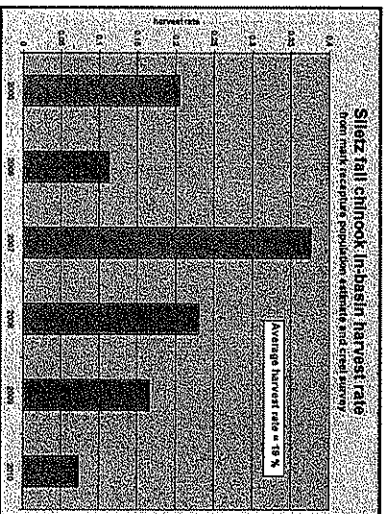
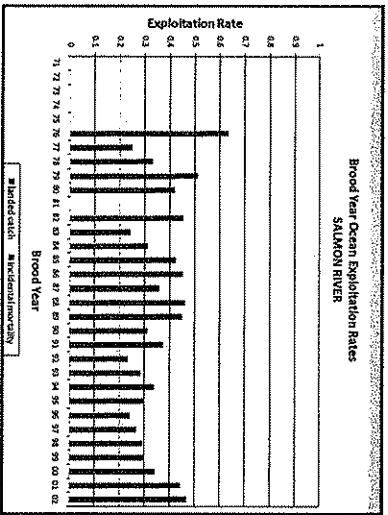
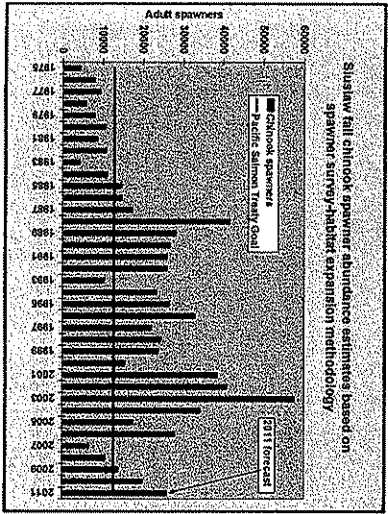
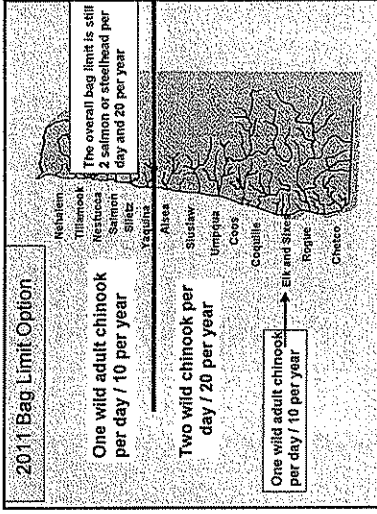


Table 1. Oregon Coast Fall Chinook Spawner Goals and 2011 Forecasts

Basin	PST Goal	OPWC Goal	2010 Spawners	1890-2010 Avg. Spawners	2011 Wild Forecast	% of 1890-2010 Avg. Spawners
Nehalem	8,889	NA	8,334	7,639	7,578	98%
Tillamook	NA	NA	8,897	12,230	7,540	60%
Restonica	NA	NA	7,475	9,928	6,065	61%
Siletz	2,844	4,928	4,223	5,775	4,270	74%
Yaquina	NA	3,800	2,232	8,832	5,328	60%
Alsea	NA	11,782	17,728	16,041	20,960	116%
Stuslaw	12,928	23,750	22,197	25,193	26,130	104%
Umipqua	NA	NA	6,184	6,488	8,884	101%
Cove	NA	8,750	12,398	8,816	10,602	103%
Cogillie	NA	9,000	32,315	9,843	32,714	379%

† Pacific tributary goals are based upon Ricker MSY
‡ Basal goals adopted by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission



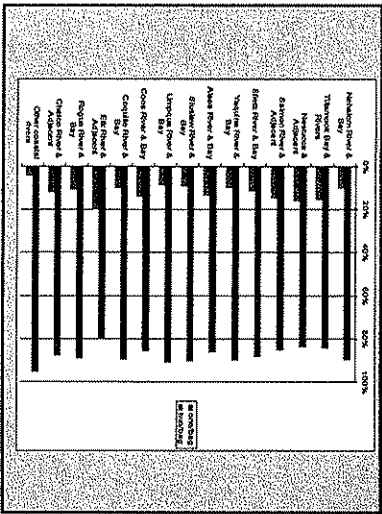
Area closures for 2011 coastal fall chinook fisheries. Same closures as 2010

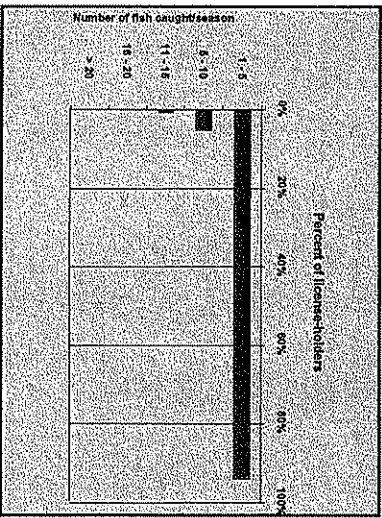
River	2010 Deadlines (RM)	2011 Proposed Deadlines (RM)
Siletz	Minimum at Old Mill Park boat launch (9)	Same as 2010
Yaquina	Conditions of Yaquina and Big Elk Creek at Curry Cr. (6)	Same as 2010
Alsea	Minimum at Five Rivers (21), Five Rivers closed at Wilderness Boundary (1)	Same as 2010
Stuslaw	Minimum at Lake Cr. (10), Lake Creek closed	Same as 2010

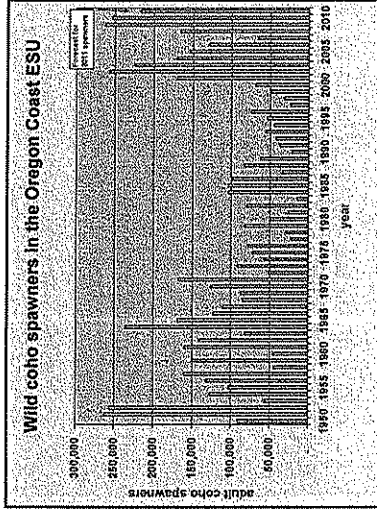
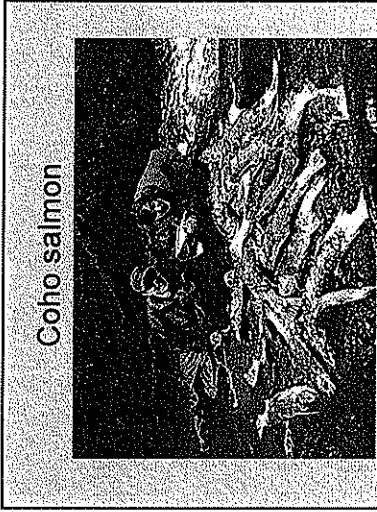
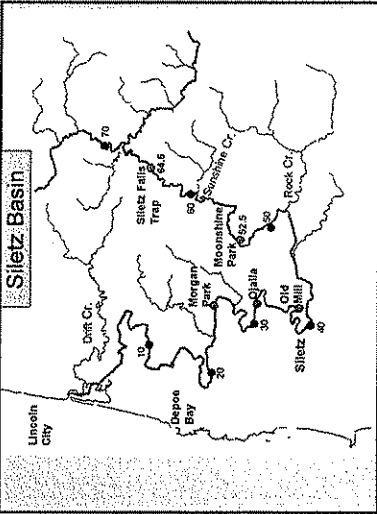
Slietz and Yaquina alternative option

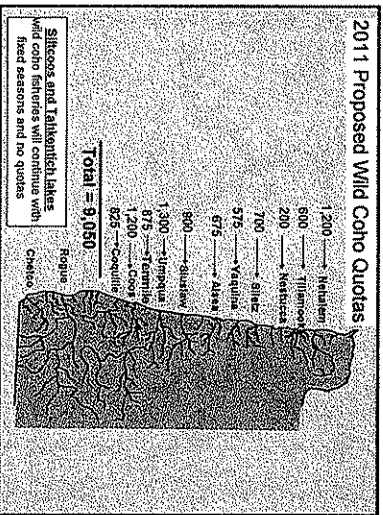
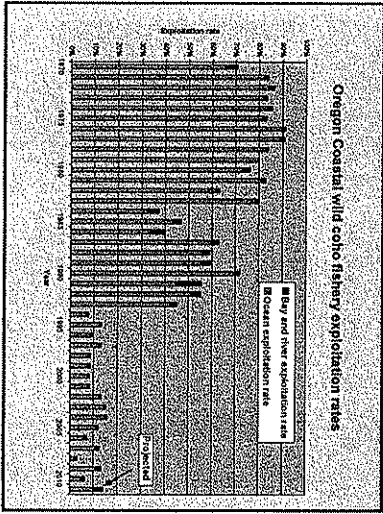
Two wild chinook per day/10 per year

- Increase harvest by 10-15 % compared to one wild chinook per day.
- ODFW said we would end emergency regulations when the emergency was over.
- Combined harvest in the ocean and rivers is high, particularly on older, larger fish.
- Pacific Salmon Treaty goal likely achieved with one or two fish daily bag limit.





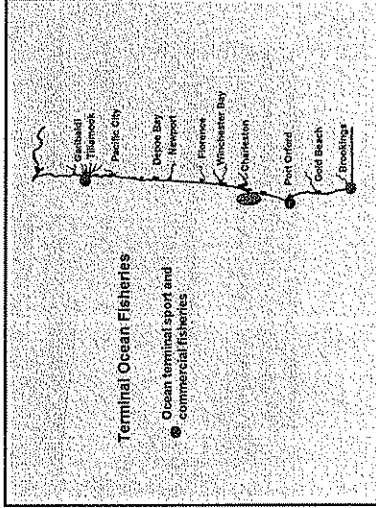






Mid coast wild coho harvest staff proposal

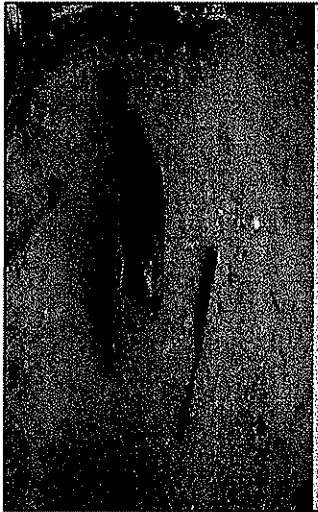
	Season length	Quota	Bag Limits	Open area - same as chinook
Stilet	Sept. 15- Nov. 30 or quota	700	1 fish/5 seasonal	Mouth to Old Mill Park boat launch (RM 56)
Yaquna	"	575	"	Mouth to confluence of Yaquna R. and Big Elk C.
Afesa	"	675	"	Mouth to Five Rivers (RM 21)
Shilaw	"	900	"	Mouth to Lake O. (RM 30)

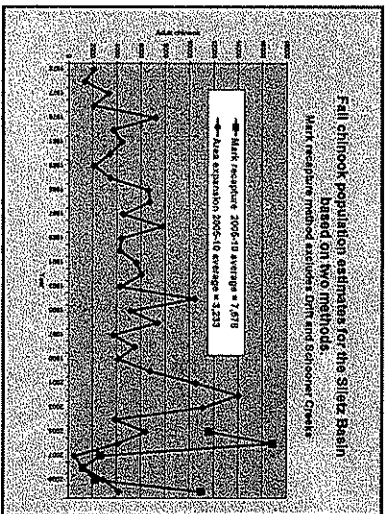


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Subject: FW: Notes from North Bend Public Mtg on 2011 fall salmon season proposals

And, the presentation and notes from the April 26 North Bend meeting, thanks

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Subject: Notes from North Bend Public Mtg on 2011 fall salmon season proposals

Notes from last night's meeting attached. Also sign-up sheet.

I will follow-up with the two attendees who requested a copy of the proposals.

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5/10/2011

Comments at ODFW's Fall Salmon Meeting—Ocean Terminal and Inland Fisheries for Wild Coho and Chinook—4-26-11—North Bend Library

South Coast Chinook

- Would like to see a 1,000 fish quota on the Chetco Commercial Bubble Fishery.
- For the Elk Bubble Option 2—is the 24” limit aimed at capturing hatchery jacks? Small Chinook are not very valuable to the commercial market.
- 26” minimum length would work; or the 28” minimum for Elk Bubble. Some fish are “just under” the 28” length, still a good fish. But not 24”.

Coos-Coquille In-basin Chinook

- Upper deadline for salmon on South Coos should be at Dellwood, permanently. Salmon spawn just upstream of Dellwood. (Chinook and coho)
- Move the Coos lower deadline for coho and fall Chinook up to Highway 101 bridge and start Sept. 15th (coho).

Coos-Coquille Chinook Commercial Bubble

- Commercial troller: I'm fine with the Coos-Coquille Bubble if the crab gear is cleaned out of there. Otherwise, we're going to be hanging up our troll gear on that crab gear.
- Run the Coos-Coquille Bubble out to 3 miles (entire length), don't use 30 fathom line north of 43/16/00.
- Run the Coos-Coquille Bubble north to the Siltcoos Lake outlet; inside 3 miles;
- Should consider also opening coho for commercial harvest in bubble fisheries as the populations allow (North and South). Boundaries out to 3 mile State Waters. Use five Chinook to one coho harvest ratio; coho are included in 50 fish weekly limit/vessel.
- **Question for OSP:** What effect has moving the angling deadline downstream at Isthmus Slough/GreenAcres tidegate done to reduce snagging? (Only open for disabled and youth in the vicinity of tidegate.) What level of enforcement has been necessary to control snagging since the regulation change? **Answer by Sgt. Lowell Lea, OSP:** Still significant effort in enforcement there. Some violators are not disabled or youth, still fishing there. Still some snagging going on.
- Commercial salmon seasons should run the length of the coast, except where stocks are limited. Fishermen have been restricted from commercially fishing spring fish. Seasons should run from March 15-May 30, then Sept. to end of October.
- Fish harvested in commercial bubble fisheries should be subjected to genetic analysis (CROOS Project) to determine if the fishery is impacting Sacramento or other stocks. Let's find out once-and-for-all if there's a problem or not. Provide the basis for continuing these bubble fisheries and other ocean comm. opportunity.

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- We should have a ratio fishery in Coos-Coquille Bubble, with a 5,000 ChF quota, and allow 5 ChF to 1 coho, with a 1,000 coho quota. (If there is quota leftover from the ocean sport September non-selective coho season.) Also, coho included in the 50 fish weekly landing limit/vessel.
- Please extend the Coos-Coquille Bubble deadline north to the mouth of Tenmile Creek.

Wild Coho--Coquille

- *(No comments specific to Coquille wild coho proposal.)*

Wild Coho--Coos

- Make lower deadline on Coos wild coho fishery at RR Bridge, not McCullough Bridge (Hwy. 101). Allow more room, but move deadline up away from jetties.
- Should increase budgets for fish checkers so we have busy days covered (i.e. cover weekends). **Answer:** our creels are designed to check all weekend days.
- I don't like your proposal to move the wild coho lower deadline from the jetties up to Highway 101 bridge. (Not ODFW proposal.) That would eliminate a lot of opportunity for people to fish the lower bay.
- Moving the Coos wild coho opener to Sept. 15th is a good move, as it protects stocks that may "dip-in" between the jetties earlier, but are not Coos stock. The later start will allow for a better upper bay coho fishery on large coho. The opener could be even later. (Oct. 1?)
- Set the lower coho deadline further upstream (not jetties).
- Move the lower deadline for coho and fall Chinook up to Highway 101 bridge and start Sept. 15th (coho).
- Could open Coos coho fishery October 1.
- As proposed, leave Coos coho fishery opening date at Sept. 15, and see what happens this year.

Wild Coho--Tenmile

- What does it take to get Tenmile wild coho fishery to where the season does not require a quota?
- I expect the Tenmile Lake fishery will have a large increase in angling pressure. Will that cause the running harvest estimates to be incorrect, and thus cause the season to close early?

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- Is there a chance of changing the Tenmile season? Seals are a big problem for coho at the mouth of Tenmile Creek (offshore) and inability for coho to get across the bar with low flows. Can removal of sandbar at the mouth be allowed?
- Is there a chance that Eel Lake will be included in the lakes' coho fisheries in the future?

Wild Coho--Umpqua

- How will the Umpqua seasonal bag limit (2 per season) work with the other wild coho seasons that have 1/5 or 1/2? **Answer:** "Aggregate concept....."
- Why is Smith River not included for wild coho harvest? Lots of coho in Smith R.
- Why not put boundary on Smith River at South Side Bridge and include Smith R. in the Umpqua wild coho fishery?
- Concern for # of wild coho released and impacted in hatchery coho fisheries, particularly Umpqua. Also, why was N. Umpqua coho hatchery program lost?
- If you open up more coho fisheries and allow larger quota that would spread out the fishing pressure and allow more uniform escapement. (e.g. increase Coos and Coquille quotas so as to adjust pressure on the Umpqua.)

Wild Coho—General

- Concern: Siuslaw/Triangle Lake ladder not effective at passing coho. Lack of water.
- Are coho using Pony Creek (Coos Bay)? **Answer:** not much; urbanized, dams/barriers, poor gravel quality/quantity; past STEP release to "jumpstart" coho did not take.
- Why aren't coho quotas higher? Doesn't seem like they are all 5%; some seem lower than 5%. Should be able to harvest more wild coho when runs are good.
- Do you just "project" quotas and close the season? (i.e. "We expect to meet the quota by "xxx" date, so the season will close.)

Comments—General

- "Ratio Fishery"—for every salmon angler harvests, they should be able to shoot five shags (cormorant) and one seal.
- Upper deadline for salmon on South Coos should be at Dellwood, permanently. Salmon spawn just upstream of Dellwood. (Chinook and coho)


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2011 Coastal Chinook and Coho Fisheries

Public Meetings
To Review Fisheries Options

April 26 – North Bend
 April 27 – Newport
 April 28 – Tillamook



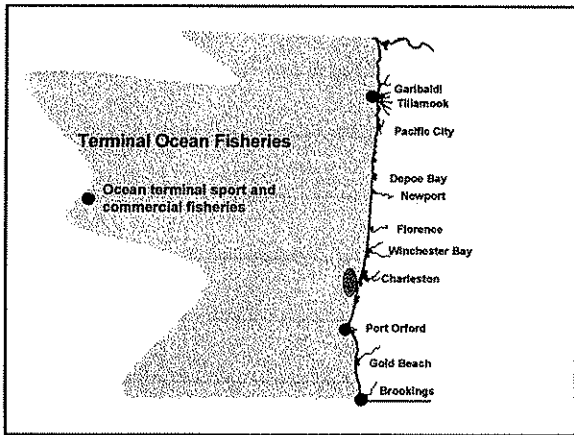
Public Input and Decisions on 2011 Fishery Regulations for Chinook in Terminal Ocean and River Fisheries and Inland Wild Coho Fisheries

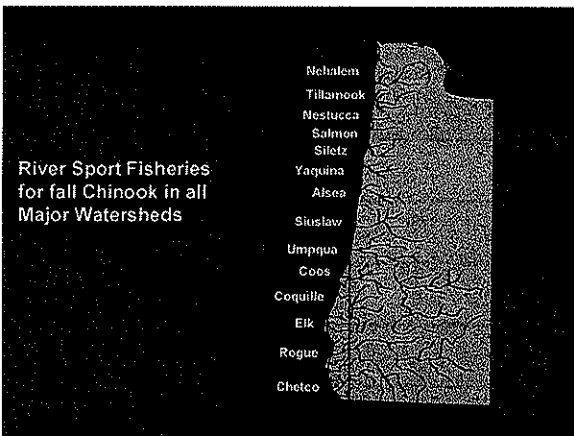
- Public meetings April 26-28 to solicit input on 2011 fishery regulations
- Staff recommendations will be posted after meetings
<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/>
- To be included in the Commission packet, written public comments due to the Commission by May 17
- June 3 Commission meeting in Salem

What Fisheries are being Reviewed?

- Traditional ocean terminal sport and commercial fisheries
- Proposed commercial bubble off Coos & Coquille
- River sport fisheries for Chinook in all major watersheds
- River sport fisheries for wild coho in 11 coastal basins including Umpqua, Tenmile Lakes, Coos, & Coquille

Chinook



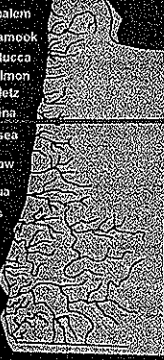


Sideboards for 2011 Fall Chinook Regulations

- Overall, improved prospects for fisheries due to improved spawning escapements and forecasts.
- 2011 some restrictive regulations are needed in some basins (mainly on the North Coast) to address conservation needs.
- Regulations need to be simple and consistent.

**2011 Bag Limit Option
Inland Fisheries**

Maintain 2 Salmon - Steelhead per day 20 per year, but...	Nahalem
1 non fin-clipped chinook per day / 10 per year	Tillamook
	Nestucca
	Salmon
	Siletz
	Yaquina
	Alsea
Two non fin-clipped Chinook per day / 20 per year, except Elk & Sixes	Siuslaw
	Umpqua
	Coos
	Coquille
	Elk
	Regue
	Chetco

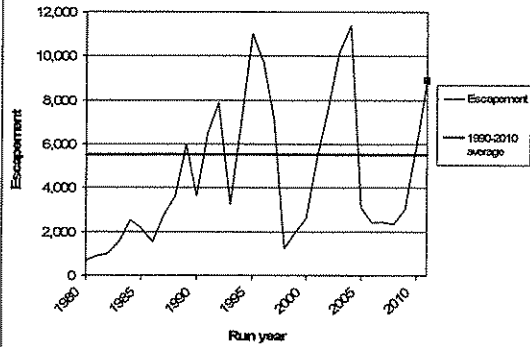


Umpqua

Table 1. Oregon Coastal Chinook Goals and 2011 Forecasts (cont)

Basin	PST Goal	2010 Esc.	1990-2010 Avg.	2011 Wild	% of 1990-2009 Avg. Esc.	2011 Hatch
S. Umpqua	NA	6,184	5,498	8,854	161%	

South Umpqua Fall Chinook Escapement



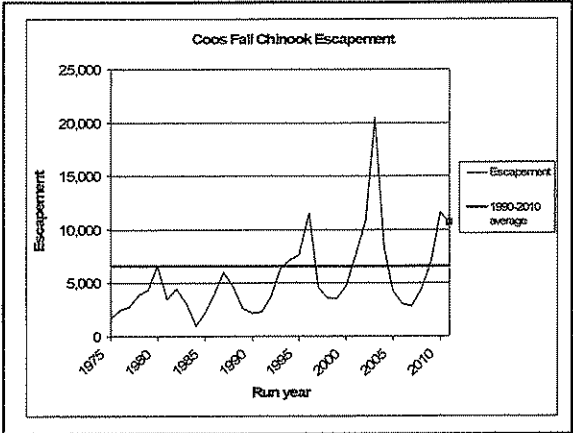
Umpqua River-Chinook Regulations Proposed:

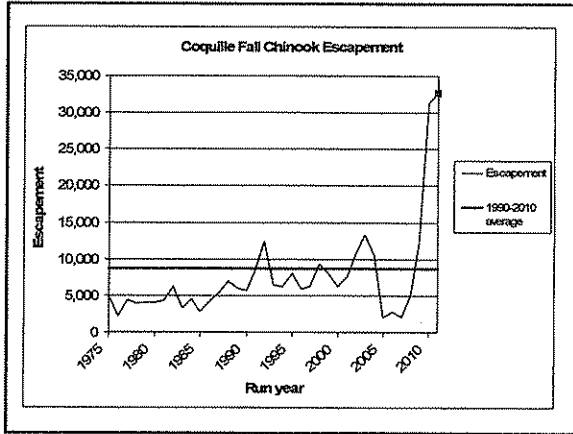
- 2 salmon or steelhead daily
- 20 per season
- Open areas as listed in Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations synopsis

Coos-Coquille

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<u>Basin</u>	<u>PST Goal</u>	<u>2010 Esc.</u>	<u>1990-2010 Ave.</u>	<u>2011 Wild</u>	<u>% of 1990-2009 Ave. Esc.</u>
Coos	NA	12,308	6,518	10,602	163%
Coquille	NA	32,318	8,643	32,714	379%





**Chinook Regulations Proposed:
(In-basin Sport)**

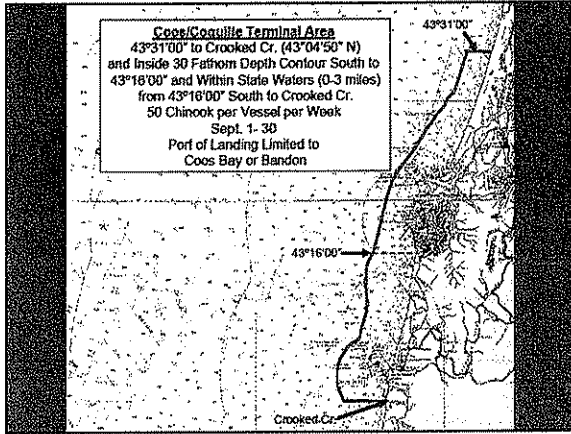
Coos R. Permanent Regulations (2 salmon or steelhead daily/20 seasonal). South Fork closed for salmon above Dellwood (RM 10) Aug. 1-Dec.31 and closed for steelhead Aug. 1- Nov. 14.

Coquille R. Permanent Regulations (2 salmon or steelhead daily/20 seasonal).

Chinook Commercial Offshore Bubble Proposed:

Commercial- Sept. 1- 30, from 43°31'00" to Crooked Cr. (43°04'50" N) and inside 30 fathom line from 43°31'00" to 43°16'00" and within State Waters (0 to 3 miles) from 43°16'00" south to Crooked Cr.

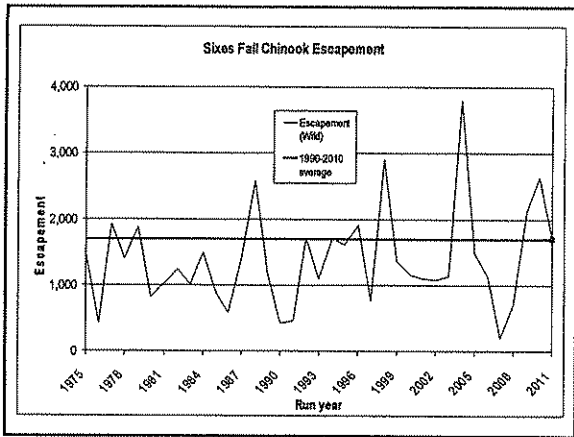
- 50 fish weekly landing limit; landings limited to Coos Bay or Bandon.

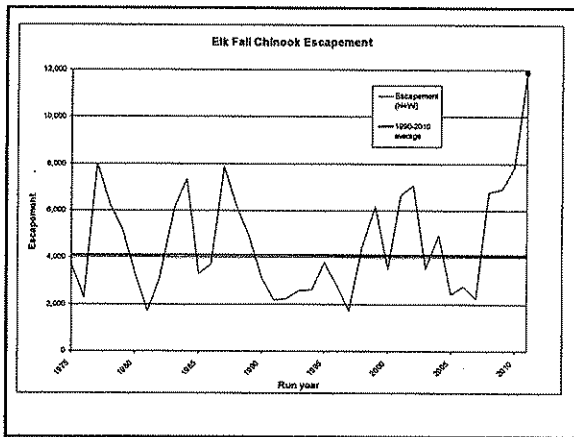


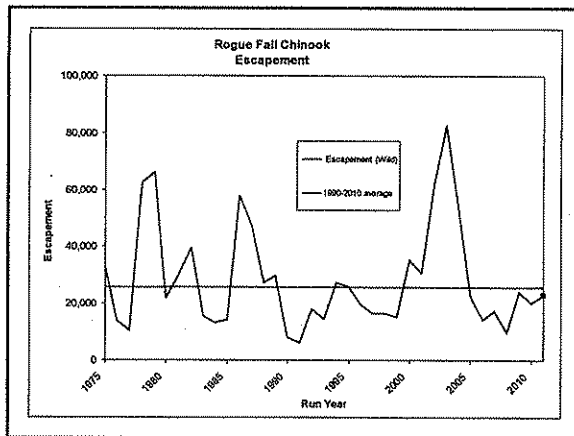
South Coast

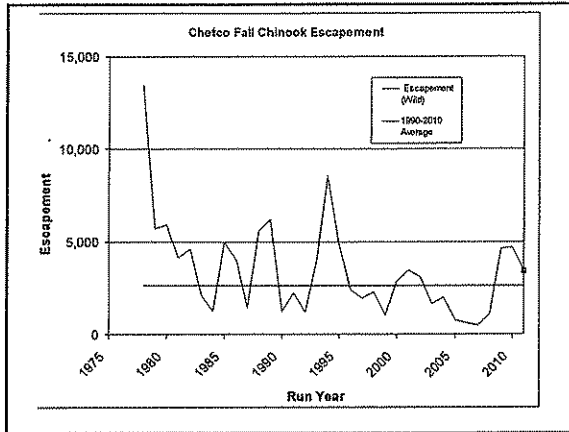
Table 1. Oregon South Coast Chinook Goals and 2011 Forecasts

Basin	Esc. Goal	2010 Esc.	1990-2010 Ave.	2011 Wild	% of 1990-2009 Ave. Esc.	2011 Hatch
Sixes	NA	2,632	1,453	1,699	117%	325
Eik	NA	2,706	1,641	2,271	139%	9,590
Rogue	20,000	19,975	25,661	22,858	89%	2,616
Chetco	NA	6,121	2,619	3,536	135%	1,738
Winchuck	NA	1,099	600	1,240	207%	









South Coast Chinook Regulations Proposed

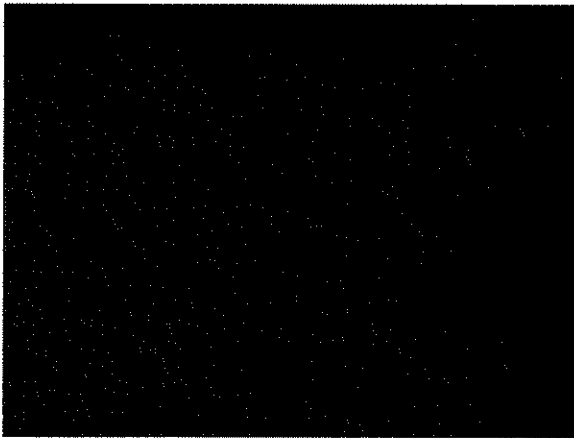
Basin	Option 1 (Staff Recommendation)	Option 2
Sixes R.	1 daily/10 seasonal in aggregate with the Elk R. and Elk R. Ocean Terminal Area Aug. 1 - Dec. 31. Closed to Chinook above Eason Cr. (R15 10) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31.	Same as Option 1.
Elk R.	1 daily/10 seasonal in aggregate with the Sixes R. and Elk R. Ocean Terminal Area Aug. 1 - Dec. 31.	Same as Option 1.
Elk Bubble (Sport)	Sport- 1 daily/10 seasonal in aggregate with the Sixes and Elk R., Nov. 1-30, 24 inch minimum, nearshore area between Cape Blanco and Humbug Mt.	Sport- Permanent bag limit regulations, Oct. 15-Nov. 30, 24 inch minimum, nearshore area between Cape Blanco and Humbug Mt.
Elk Bubble (Commercial)	Commercial- Option 1- Nov. 1-30, 20 daily landing limit, nearshore area between Cape Blanco and Humbug Mt., 26 inch min. length.	Commercial- Option 2- Nov. 1- Dec. 15, adipose fin-clipped Chinook only, Gull Rock to Humbug Mt., 0-3 miles, 24 inch min. length.

Basin	Option 1 (Staff Recommendation)	Option 2
Regue R.	Permanent Regulations (2 salmon or steelhead daily/20 seasonal).	Same as Option 1.
Chetco R.	Permanent Regulations (2 salmon or steelhead daily/20 seasonal) except closed above Powerline crossing at Rt 2, Aug. 1 - Nov. 4.	Same as Option 1.
Chetco Bubble (Sport)	Sport- 1 adult Chinook/day and 5/season Oct. 1-12, 24 inch min. length, Twin Rocks-ORCA border, 0-3 miles.	Sport- 1 adult Chinook/day and 5/season Oct. 1-14, 24 inch min. length, Twin Rocks-ORCA border, 0-3 miles.
Chetco Bubble (Commercial)	Commercial- Oct. 13-31 or 700 chinook quota, 20 daily landing limit, 26 inch min. length, Twin Rocks-ORCA border, 0-3 miles.	Commercial- Oct. 13-31 or 500 chinook quota, 20 daily landing limit, 26 inch min. length, Twin Rocks-ORCA border, 0-3 miles.
Winchuck R.	Permanent Regulations (2 salmon or steelhead daily/20 seasonal) except closed August 1 - Nov. 4.	Same as Option 1.

Options for coastal regulations

- Additional ideas for 2011
- Four year angling regulation process
 - Starts soon for 2013 implementation
- Planning process underway for coastal chinook, steelhead, chum salmon and cutthroat trout
 - Additional venue for angling regulation concepts

End of Chinook Presentation



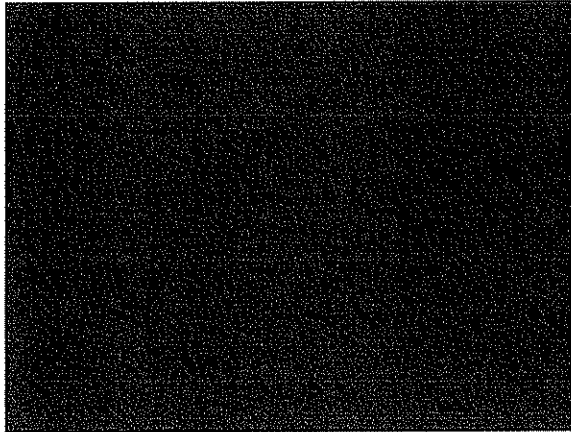


Table 1. Oregon Coastal Chinook Goals and 2011 Forecasts

<u>Basin</u>	<u>PST</u> <u>Goal</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Esc.</u>	<u>1990-</u> <u>2010</u> <u>Ave.</u> <u>Esc.</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Wild</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>1990-</u> <u>2009</u> <u>Ave.</u> <u>Esc.</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Hatch</u>
Nehalem	6,989	5,384	7,639	7,578	99%	
Tillamook	NA	5,997	12,239	7,340	60%	
Nestucca	NA	3,475	9,926	6,065	61%	
Siletz	2,944	4,225	5,775	4,270	74%	
Yaquina	NA	2,292	6,632	5,328	80%	
Alsea	NA	17,725	18,041	20,900	116%	
Siuslaw	12,925	22,197	25,193	26,130	104%	

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
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Subject: FW: R&E Applications for coho fishery monitoring--For Commission Packet
Importance: High
Attachments: 11-008 App Coos ChF M-E.pdf, 11-007 App Coastal Coho Creels.pdf
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

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From: Michael Gray
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Subject: R&E Applications for coho fishery monitoring--For Commission Packet

Attached, as requested. One is the consolidated wild coho fishery monitoring for several basins in four districts. The other is the Coos Chinook M&E project (which also conducts creel that can cover the wild coho fishery in the Coos).

The Coos project is #11-008; the coastal wild coho project is #11-007.

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R & E Grant Application 11-13 Biennium

Project #:
11-007

Coastal Wild Coho Fisheries--creel surveys

Project Information

R&E Project Request: \$111,240.00
 Match Funding: \$84,259.00
 Total Project: \$195,499.00
 Start Date: 7/1/2011
 End Date: 2/1/2012
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 Project Biennium: 11-13 Biennium
 Organization: ODFW - Charleston Field Office

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Past Recommended or Completed Projects

Number	Name	Status
09-173	Butterfield Lake Angler Access Enhancement	Approved
09-279	Coos-Coquille-Tenmile Fish District Equipment	Recommended

Project Summary

This project is NOT part of ODFW's 25 Year Angling Plan.

Activity Type: Monitoring

Summary: This project is for multiple creel surveys on wild coho salmon fisheries along the Oregon Coast in 2011, from the Nehalem to the Coquille. ODFW is proposing wild coho fisheries in basins that meet biological requirements and approval of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, and NOAA Fisheries. These fisheries will be managed based on individual basin quotas, and monitored with creel sampling. Currently, approval of these fisheries is based on in-season monitoring, conservative regulations (typically 1 per day and 5 per season, with exceptions), and quotas based on allowable impact rate.

Objectives: 1) Monitor angler effort and harvest of wild coho through creel surveys in selected

Coastal basins, in order to keep harvest under an established quota and allow for spawning escapement;

2) Allow increased angling/harvest opportunity in Coastal estuaries and lakes, providing increased recreation and economic benefit to Coastal areas.

Fishery Benefits:

Recreational fisheries would be established, allowing for angling/harvest opportunities on wild (unmarked) coho salmon. These fish are caught in either targeted fisheries, or incidental to Chinook fisheries in Oregon coastal estuaries. Creel sampling allows ODFW to monitor the effort and harvest in-season, and keep the impact rate to allowable levels. Proposed in-basin harvest is carried to PFMC negotiations by ODFW representatives, where ocean and terminal fishery allocations are developed.

Watershed Benefits:

Monitoring the fisheries helps to provide the angling/harvest opportunities, while allowing population escapements at levels that provide adult fish to seed basin habitats. Public awareness and advocacy for habitat protection and restoration is likely to increase if anglers benefit from healthy and abundant fish populations. Hatchery coho production along the Oregon Coast has been significantly reduced, toward allowing conservative harvest on wild coho populations that meet criteria for recovery and sustainability.

Current Situation:

Coastal river basins were closed to the harvest of wild coho salmon from 1994 through 2008, followed by recent quota fisheries in select basins in 2009 and 2010. There are few hatchery (finmarked) coho programs remaining on the Oregon Coast, so harvest of hatchery coho in coastal basins is very limited. The Oregon Coast coho salmon ESU is listed as Threatened under the Federal ESA, however select populations are robust enough in certain years to provide harvest under a "Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plan" (FMEP) approved by NOAA in 2009. As of this writing (2/28/11), ODFW's analysis of candidate basins for fall 2011 fisheries is preliminary, however several populations appear to be viable candidates. (These include Nehalem, Siletz, Yaquina, Siuslaw, Tenmile Lakes, Coos, Coquille, Alsea, Tillamook, Nestucca, and Umpqua.)

The proposal will be further developed/solidified by mid-March, when ODFW's representatives must present ocean and in-basin harvest proposals to PFMC.

Creel projects are typically three months in length. Many of the river systems run a season from Sept. 1 to the end of November, or until the quota is reached. Tenmile Lakes coho run later, and the season there in 2010 ran Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. Basins may have one or multiple creel samplers, covering the open fishery area. Open areas are typically in tidewater, keeping the fisheries low in the basin away from spawning areas. Creel samplers conduct pressure (effort) counts of anglers and/or boats on a set frequency each sampling day, and conduct interviews with anglers between pressure counts. Interviews solicit information on individual angler effort, harvest success, and allow for the creel sampler to collect biological information/tagged snouts/scales from harvested fish. Surveyors may use handheld data loggers (PDA's) in the field for recording data; this allows for rapid downloading of daily creel data and facilitates transfer to ODFW's

Biometrician for analysis and in-season quota monitoring.

Alternatives: Alternatives under consideration include: (1)not allowing wild coho fisheries; (2)collecting information via check-stations or mandatory phone-in reporting of wild coho harvest; (3)limiting harvest via regulations (i.e. seasons, angling location deadlines, restricted bag limits, etc.) but without conducting creel sampling. Alternative 1 does not allow for angling/harvest opportunity that is available on robust populations. Alternative 2 may be implemented in three "pilot" basins in 2011 (Nehalem, Yaquina, Coquille) concurrently with creel sampling, in order to evaluate/calibrate its effectiveness at monitoring harvest. If this alternative works, it may be used more widespread in the future to monitor these fisheries without having to conduct creel projects in all basins. Alternative 3 may be feasible in the future, once a solid track-record of conservative fisheries can be established (similar to Siltcoos and Tahkenitch). However, the fisheries in coastal river basins have only been conducted in 2009 and 2010, and the river basins have varied in those two seasons. Thus, it is felt that ODFW is not yet in a position to propose fisheries managed by regulations alone, without quota management. Within a few years, this may be possible.

Designer: Individual basin creel surveys are designed by ODFW District staff, in conjunction with ODFW's Biometrician.

Methods: The creel surveys are based on standard methodologies, tailored to the specifics of each basin/population. Methods and regulations are also adapted based on experience, such as lessons learned in 2009 and 2010. Creel samplers conduct pressure counts within open fishery areas, to monitor overall angler effort. Anglers are interviewed to gather information on individual effort and catch. Biological information is collected from harvested fish. Information collected by creel samplers is downloaded from PDA devices daily and coordinated with the Biometrician weekly for summarization and progress toward reaching quotas. Fisheries can be closed in a timely manner as quotas are reached.

Inspector: ODFW Biometrician, District field staff, and Fish Division staff/administrators will inspect the completed work.

Funding Elements: R&E funds will be used to: (1) hire up to 13 Temporary creel samplers to conduct angler creel; (2)provide vehicles and mileage for creel samplers; (3) provide equipment needed to conduct creel surveys (e.g. PDA's, raingear, uniform, boat gas, sampling knives, etc.).

Partners: No

Existing Plan: No

Affected Contacted: No

Affected Supportive: No

Project Schedule/Participants/Funding

Activity	Date	Participants
Conduct modeling/forecasting/FMEP criteria-testing to determine candidate populations for fisheries	3/15/2011	ODFW
Develop Commission proposal for fisheries approval	4/15/2011	ODFW
Present proposal for F&W Commission approval	6/3/2011	ODFW
Develop 2010 Report and 2011 Fishery Proposal for NOAA	7/1/2011	ODFW
District Biologists recruit/select creel samplers	8/15/2011	ODFW
Fisheries open and most creel surveys begin	9/1/2011	ODFW
Wild coho fisheries and creel surveys complete	12/31/2011	ODFW

Affected Species: Coho Salmon

Project Permits

Name	Issued By	Secured?	Date Secured	Date Expected
NOAA approval	NOAA Fisheries Service	No	1/1/0001	8/15/2011
Commission Approval	Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission	No	1/1/0001	6/3/2011

Project Monitoring

This project has no monitoring.

Project Maintenance

This project has no maintenance plans.

Project Match Funding

Funding Source	Cash	In-Kind	Other	Description	Total	Secured?	Conditions?	Comments
R&E Request	\$111,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Personnel, vehicle, and equipment costs for multiple coastal coho creels	\$111,240.00	No	Yes	Forecasting and analysis of populations is not complete as of this application date; the number of creels implemented may change depending on analysis results, Commission approval, or NOAA approval.
ODFW District Personnel	\$0.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	District oversight/supervision of creel surveyors; creel design input; data transfer; fishery management.	\$13,500.00	Yes	No	
ODFW--Fish Division	\$0.00	\$31,484.00	\$0.00	Biometrician analysis and creel setup for new creels; in-season guidance for quota management.	\$31,484.00	Yes	Yes	If the full complement of creel surveys propose here are implemented, there may be a need for assistance for the one existing Biometrician.
ODFW Districts and PST funding	\$0.00	\$34,275.00	\$0.00	Equip, vehicles, PST-funded creel that will complement coho fishery creel.	\$34,275.00	No	No	
ODFW-Ocean Salmon Management	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Data collected by port samplers and coordinated with Districts and Biometrician	\$5,000.00	No	No	
				Total Match Funding:	\$195,499.00			

Project Budget

Item	Item Type	Units	Unit Cost	R&E Funds	Match Funds	Total
Field Supplies (raingear, etc.)-Coquille-Tenmile	Equipment	2	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Field Supplies (raingear, knives, etc.)-Mid-Coast	Equipment	400	\$3.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Field Supplies (raingear, knives, etc.)-N. Coast	Equipment	6	\$400.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$2,400.00
Field Supplies (raingear, knives, etc.)-Umpqua	Equipment	1	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
mileage-Coq-Tenm-15 mpg; 2000 mi./mo.; \$3.30/gal.	Equipment	3	\$440.00	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
mileage-MidCoast-15 mpg; 2000 mi./mo.; \$3.30/gal.	Equipment	9	\$440.00	\$3,960.00	\$0.00	\$3,960.00
mileage-N. Coast-15 mpg; 1000 mi./mo.; \$3.30/gal.	Equipment	18	\$220.00	\$2,640.00	\$1,320.00	\$3,960.00
mileage-Umpqua-15 mpg; 2000 mi./mo.; \$3.30/gal.	Equipment	3	\$440.00	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
PDA and software-Umpqua	Equipment	1	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
PDA's and software-Mid-Coast District	Equipment	3	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
PDA's and software-N. Coast District	Equipment	6	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00
Vehicle Maintenance--Coquille-Tenmile	Equipment	6	\$150.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Vehicle Maintenance--Mid-Coast	Equipment	9	\$150.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
Vehicle Maintenance--N. Coast	Equipment	18	\$150.00	\$1,800.00	\$900.00	\$2,700.00
Vehicle Maintenance--Umpqua	Equipment	3	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Vehicle rental--Mid-Coast 3@	Equipment	9	\$350.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00
Vehicle Rental-Coquille-Tenmile 2@	Equipment	6	\$350.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
Vehicle Rental-N. Coast (incl. PST)	Equipment	18	\$350.00	\$4,200.00	\$2,100.00	\$6,300.00
Vehicle Rental-Siletz-PST match	Equipment	3	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Vehicle Rental-Umpqua 1@	Equipment	3	\$350.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
Creel Sampler-PST funded-Siletz	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00	\$8,085.00
Creel Samplers-PST funded-Nestucca and Nehalem 2@	Personnel	6	\$2,695.00	\$0.00	\$16,170.00	\$16,170.00
Creel-Coos-(Separate Application)	Personnel	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EBA-Temp-Creel Sampler-1@ Nestucca	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00

EBA-Temp-Creel-2@ Tillamook	Personnel	6	\$2,695.00	\$16,170.00	\$0.00	\$16,170.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Alsea	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Coguille	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Nehalem	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Siuslaw	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Tenmile Lakes	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Umpqua	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
EBA-Temp-Creel-1@ Yaguina	Personnel	3	\$2,695.00	\$8,085.00	\$0.00	\$8,085.00
Mid-Coast Watershed District Biologists	Personnel	3	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
N. Coast Watershed District Biologists	Personnel	3	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
ODFW Biometrician-creel analysis (existing creels)	Personnel	6	\$2,424.00	\$0.00	\$14,544.00	\$14,544.00
ODFW Biometrician-creel setup (NEW)/analysis	Personnel	5	\$3,388.00	\$0.00	\$16,940.00	\$16,940.00
Port sampler data collection and coordination	Personnel	1	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Umpqua Watershed District Biologists	Personnel	3	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
					Total Budget:	\$195,499.00

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R & E Grant Application 11-13 Biennium

Project #:
11-008

Coos Fall Chinook and Coho Monitoring Project

Project Information

R&E Project Request: \$175,045.00
Match Funding: \$68,848.00
Total Project: \$243,893.00
Start Date: 7/1/2011
End Date: 6/30/2013
Project Email: michael.e.gray@state.or.us
Project Biennium: 11-13 Biennium
Organization: ODFW - Charleston Field Office

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Past Recommended or Completed Projects

Number	Name	Status
09-173	Butterfield Lake Angler Access Enhancement	Approved
09-279	Coos-Coquille-Tenmile Fish District Equipment	Recommended

Project Summary

This project is NOT part of ODFW's 25 Year Angling Plan.

Activity Type: Monitoring

Summary: This project is a continuation of the Coos Fall Chinook (ChF) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) project, funded by R&E for the '09-11 biennium. This evaluation was developed as a result of the 2006 STEP Propagation Project Review for the Coos-Coquille-Tenmile Fish District. Intensified marking/tagging of hatchery ChF began that year, and those adult returns began in 2009. The M&E project was conducted for the 2009 and 2010 returns, and designed to be conducted for a total of 4-5 years (through 2012 or 2013 runs). The project includes finmarking/tagging, angler creel, mark/recapture, spawning surveys, and estuary seining. Creel for wild coho fisheries in the Coos would also be monitored, if approved by the Commission and NOAA.

- Objectives:** 1) Evaluation of STEP propagation projects and overall Coos hatchery ChF contribution to ocean and in-basin fisheries; 2) Evaluation of hatchery stray rates into natural spawning grounds and impacts to wild fish; 3) Evaluate the hatchery ChF program for ecological impacts to the watershed; and 4) Monitor the recreational harvest of wild coho in the Coos Basin if such fisheries are approved in 2011 or 2012.
- Fishery Benefits:** This project evaluates the success of meeting harvest augmentation objectives for the Coos ChF hatchery program, as well as evaluating the impacts of this large hatchery program on the wild population in the Basin. This information will be crucial toward maintaining or adapting the ChF hatchery program to provide fish for commercial and recreational fisheries while managing for the persistence and genetic integrity of the wild fish. Recreational anglers will also benefit from any proposed wild coho fisheries, with an increased opportunity to harvest salmon.
- Watershed Benefits:** The primary benefit for the watershed is to evaluate the potential impacts to wild fish due to the Coos ChF hatchery program. Also, the coho fishery (if approved) would be monitored to allow for adequate escapement. Hatchery coho releases were discontinued several years ago, and in lieu conservative wild coho fisheries are proposed when the population meets FMEP criteria.
- Current Situation:** The Coos River fall Chinook hatchery program is the largest on the Oregon coast at over 2 million released. In 2006, Coos River fall Chinook program releases were amended to strictly pre-smolts to take advantage of the large, productive rearing habitat in the Coos estuary. ODFW studies have indicated that the estuary is underseeded for fall Chinook, based on natural seeding alone. Increased fin marking (min. 30% mark rate) began in spring of 2007 and will continue through the term of the approved M&E Plan (see attached Coos River fall Chinook M&E Plan). Multiple levels of evaluating the Coos River fall Chinook program releases are designed into the M&E Plan (see attached Coos fall Chinook program release table). Mark/recapture, intensified spawning surveys, and angler creel were conducted in the fall of 2009 and 2010 as jacks and adults from the increased fin marking efforts returned to the basin. Setup of mark/recapture, spawning surveys, and angler creel were accomplished by ODFW District staff, ODFW Biometrician, and ODFW Corvallis Research. These supplemental spawning surveys were in addition to the Standard and Random surveys conducted annually by the Adult Salmonid Inventory Project of Corvallis Research. Along with monitoring harvest of fall Chinook, angler creel monitors harvest for the proposed wild coho fishery in the Coos River basin (if approved). Due to ESA listing of wild coastal coho, fisheries occur under criteria outlined in a Fishery Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (FMEP), Amendment 13 of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC), and through authorization by NOAA fisheries and the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission. Data collected in the angler creel are mandatory for in-season assessment of coho catch relative to harvest quotas established for the Coos River basin, annual reviews of the fishery, and consistency with Amendment 13.
- Alternatives:** The Coos ChF hatchery program could be continued and/or adapted based on

only two years' collection of data from adult returns. This is considered minimal/inadequate information on which to make decisions as to the contribution of hatchery fish to the ocean and recreational fisheries, and would not represent contribution of all returning age classes of fish, as ChF return as primarily three- to six-year old adults and even beyond. Monitoring four years of adult returns is considered to be the minimum necessary to fully evaluate the program. Also, preliminary data have been collected in 2009 and 2010 to evaluate the extent of hatchery fish on the spawning grounds. Again, four to five years is considered to be necessary to effectively evaluate this parameter.

- Designer:** ODFW District Staff, Biometrician, Corvallis Research. M&E Plan designed in 2005 by team made up of District Biologist, Bandon Hatchery Mgr, Biometrician, STEP Coord., Recr. Fisheries Manager, Conservation and Recovery, and Corvallis Fish Research.
- Methods:** Continuing the project from 2009 and 2010, this project would conduct two years of mark/recapture, spawning surveys, and angler creel surveys along with continued increased fin marking/tagging and juvenile estuary seining, using existing ODFW protocols. Technical assistance from ODFW's spawning survey program leader, ODFW's biometrician, and other staff have been committed to this project by Fish Division. Angler creel will be used to monitor harvest of fall Chinook; also wild coho should that fishery be approved for the Coos River basin.
- Inspector:** ODFW staff--SW Region/Umpqua WD/Charleston; Fish Propagation; Conservation and Recovery; Corvallis Research; STEP Coordinator; Recr. Fisheries Mgr.
- Funding Elements:** 2 Seasonal EBAs for creel-late August through November; (one position 3.5 months, one position only Sept.&Oct.); (two seasons--2011 and 2012);
2 vehicles for creel;
6 Temporary EBAs for mark/recapture and spawning surveys; (two seasons)
3 vehicles for m/r and spwn. surveyors; (two seasons);
Uniforms for EBAs;
Vehicle mileage;
- * PDAs, GPS units, raingear, waders, and other field equipment purchased for this project under the previous grant are stored and still available for use if this continuation project is funded.

Partners: Yes

STEP volunteers and local school students participate in the rearing and finmarking of juvenile ChF that are evaluated. Volunteers and students also assist with estuary seining. ODFW staff and STEP volunteers raise and release the hatchery ChF. Private landowners allow access to their lands to allow spawning surveys, and also for the placement and operation of Dellwood Trap that facilitates the mark/recapture study.

Existing Plan: Yes

Yes--this project addresses actions described in the Coos Basin Fish Management Plan (1990), and in the Coos ChF Monitoring and Evaluation Plan with regard to monitoring progress toward harvest augmentation objectives and hatchery program impacts toward wild fish production.

Affected Contacted: Yes

Affected Supportive: Yes

Affected Comments: Landowners are contacted annually for spawning survey access/permission in accordance with ODFW protocol, and have been supportive the past two seasons. STEP volunteers and local schools have been supportive and cooperative toward finmarking pre-smolts, allowing for evaluation. STEP propagation projects went through public review in 2005-06, and are scheduled for 5-year review/renewal this spring.

Project Schedule/Participants/Funding

Activity	Date	Participants
Juvenile estuary seining (May-Sept)	5/15/2011	ODFW and volunteers
Creel (Chinook and possibly wild coho)	8/15/2011	ODFW
Contact landowners for spawning survey permission	9/1/2011	ODFW
Start mark/recapture of ChF on S. Coos River	10/1/2011	ODFW
Start spawning surveys	10/15/2011	ODFW
All activities repeat in 2012*	5/15/2012	ODFW and volunteers

Affected Species: Chinook Salmon
Coho Salmon

Project Permits

Name	Issued By	Secured?	Date Secured	Date Expected
NOAA approval-coho fishery	NOAA Fisheries	No	1/1/0001	8/1/2011
Ore. F&W Commission Approval-coho fishery	OFWC	No	1/1/0001	6/1/2011

Project Monitoring

Organization	Address	Activity	Frequency
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ODFW District	Charleston,	Monitor adult ChF on spawning grounds	annually for two seasons
ODFW District	Charleston,	Monitor juv. ChF in estuary	annually
ODFW District--Coos-Coquille-Tenmile	Charleston,	Monitor harvest of ChF and coho in Coos Basin fisheries	annually, for two seasons (2011 and 2012)

Project Maintenance

This project has no maintenance plans.

Project Match Funding

Funding Source	Cash	In-Kind	Other	Description	Total	Secured?	Conditions?	Comments
R&E Request	\$175,045.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	grant	\$175,045.00	No	No	
ODFW staff	\$0.00	\$12,848.00	\$0.00	Staff time associated with project	\$12,848.00	Yes	No	
Volunteers and students	\$0.00	\$56,000.00	\$0.00	Finmark, Adult ChF collection, estuary seining	\$56,000.00	No	No	
				Total Match Funding:	\$243,893.00			

Project Budget

Item	Item Type	Units	Unit Cost	R&E Funds	Match Funds	Total
2 vehicles for creel survey (2 seasons)(months)	Equipment	11	\$325.00	\$3,575.00	\$0.00	\$3,575.00
3 vehicles for spawning surveys (2 seasons)	Equipment	18	\$325.00	\$5,850.00	\$0.00	\$5,850.00
Uniform--2 Creel EBAs (2 seasons)	Equipment	2	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Uniform--6 Temp. EBAs--(2 seasons)	Equipment	2	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Waders/raingear--(sizes we don't have/replacement)	Equipment	2	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
1 Temp. NRS-1 for Spawning/trapping (2 seasons)	Personnel	6	\$3,086.00	\$18,516.00	\$0.00	\$18,516.00
2 EBAs for Creel Survey (2 seasons)	Personnel	11	\$2,214.00	\$24,354.00	\$0.00	\$24,354.00
2 EBAs OPE @ 60% (2 seasons)	Personnel	11	\$2,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$0.00	\$27,500.00
5 Temporary EBAs for spawning surveys (2 seasons)	Personnel	30	\$2,400.00	\$72,000.00	\$0.00	\$72,000.00
Biometrician services--analysis (2 seasons)	Personnel	2	\$2,424.00	\$0.00	\$4,848.00	\$4,848.00
NRS-2 time estuary seining (2 seasons)	Personnel	160	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
NRS-2 time supervising EBAs	Personnel	160	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Overtime for peak trapping	Personnel	100	\$23.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00
Volunteer Time--estuary seining (2 seasons)	Personnel	600	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Volunteers and students--finmarking (2 seasons)	Personnel	1200	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Volunteers--collecting returning ChF (2 seasons)	Personnel	1000	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mileage for creel vehicles (2 seasons)	Travel	12000	\$0.55	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	\$6,600.00
Mileage for Spawning Surveys (2 seasons)	Travel	21000	\$0.55	\$11,550.00	\$0.00	\$11,550.00
					Total Budget:	\$243,893.00

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Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Importance: High

For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

-----Original Message-----

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Cc: Ron Boyce
Subject: FW: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Public comment for June packet, thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Knutsen
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 11:09 AM
To: Ron Rehn; Ron Boyce; Robert Bradley; Rick Klumph
Subject: FW: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

FYI

Chris Knutsen
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ODFW - North Coast Watershed District
4907 Third Street
Tillamook, Oregon 97141
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FAX: 1.503.842.8385

-----Original Message-----

From: Garry Bullard [mailto:garrybullard@nehalem.tel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 10:27 AM

To: Chris Knutsen

Cc: betsy@betsyjohnson.com; Ed.BOWLES@state.or.us

Subject: Re: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

> Chris:

This is a response to your recent email soliciting input concerning what may be the Nehalem Estuary Salmon Fishing Regulations for 2011.

First, I want to complement you on the progress that was made last year.

It was a cautious approach which balanced the important interests of restoring the Spring and Fall Chinook runs and the interests of the community. As it turned out in hindsight, we certainly could have had a managed wild Coho fishery; however, given the problems and red-tape of managing a species that remains "listed", there is no room for justifiable criticism. No one could have predicted that stupendous wild Coho return. Of course, we could certainly do with more clipped Coho from the North Fork Hatchery, as it seems like clipped Coho are the "endangered" species in Nehalem Bay.

As for the Chinook fishery I believe we have begun the long journey back to restoration of healthy Fall and, perhaps even, Spring runs.

Important elements in that beginning in 2010 were area closures, specifically the Jaws and up river from the Highway 53 bridge. Those closures were not only important for purposes of healthy dispersal past the Jaws where the fish are most vulnerable, but protection of spawning areas once they move upstream. Beyond that, these measures were important signals to the community that ODFW does not just pander to commercial interests, the guides, who flock in numbers to the Jaws. It signals that ODFW cares about the health of the whole system, about over-fishing, and about fairness to local fishermen.

I urge you to continue the good work begun in 2010 given the inherent unpredictability of this whole subject. The responsible course is to continue the conservation based protected area closures for at least an entire 3-4 year cycle.

Finally, please do not fail to consider the Nehalem area community and what healthy Chinook runs mean to this community. After a slow start, the success of the ODFW STEP program requires community involvement based on ODFW continued support of these protected area closures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Garry Bullard

Manzanita, Oregon

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> From: ODFW News

> Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 9:35 AM

> To: ODFW All Staff

> Subject: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

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> NEWS RELEASE

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> Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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> Contact: Ron Boyce (971) 673-6081

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> Jessica Sall (503) 947-6023

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> For immediate release

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> ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

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> SALEM, Ore. - The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host
> three public meetings in coastal communities later this month to
> solicit input on regulations for the 2011 fall chinook and coho salmon
> seasons in Oregon bays and coastal rivers.

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> The meetings are scheduled for April 26-28 in North Bend, Newport and
> Tillamook, and discussions will include sport and commercial chinook
> seasons in terminal ocean areas off Tillamook, Elk, and Chetco rivers,
> sport chinook fisheries in all coastal rivers, and sport wild coho
> fisheries in select rivers and lakes.

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> Fishery managers are looking at mostly improved fishing prospects in
> 2011, thanks to continued good forecasts of chinook and coho salmon in
> many coastal watersheds.

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> "Coastwide, chinook forecasts are up about 20 percent over last year
> primarily due to strong returns on the south coast and, to a lesser
> extent, on the mid coast," said Ron Boyce, ODFW Ocean Salmon Columbia
> River Program manager. "However, chinook forecasts for north coast
> basins are still uncertain."

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- > "Chinook regulations overall should be less constrained than last year,"
- > he added, "but anglers can expect some bag limit restrictions and area
- > closures in north coast streams although fewer than last year."
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- > ODFW will also be seeking input on proposed wild coho fisheries in 10
- > rivers (Nehalem, Tillamook, Nestucca, Siletz, Yaquina, Alsea, Siuslaw,
- > Umpqua, Coos, and Coquille) and Tenmile Lakes. This will be the third
- > year that wild coho fisheries have been considered in select rivers
- > that meet criteria under a federal Fishery Management and Evaluation
- > Plan as well as Pacific Fishery Management Council guidelines. The
- > number of rivers was increased from three last year to ten this year
- > in response to the large number of adults spawning in 2010 (over
- > 265,000) and another high return forecasted for this year (nearly 250,000).
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- > "These will be very conservative fisheries that meet all conservation
- > guidelines but nonetheless provide significant opportunity for
- > recreational fishing," Boyce said. "I think the huge coho returns
- > we've seen the last few years are in response to favorable ocean
- > conditions but also can be attributed to years of hard work to restore
- > coho salmon populations along the Oregon coast."
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- > At the upcoming public meetings ODFW staff will present information on
- > the run forecasts and discuss options for the chinook and coho seasons.
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- > ODFW staff will use public feedback from these meetings to develop
- > recommendations for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to
- > consider at its June 3 meeting in Salem.
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- > All meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting dates, locations,
- > and ODFW contacts are as follows:
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- > North Bend
- > April 26
- > North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend
- > Contact: Mike Gray, ODFW, (541) 888-5515

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- > Newport
- > April 27
- > Hallmark Resort Newport, 744 Elizabeth, Newport
- > Contact: Bob Buckman, ODFW, (541) 265-8306 X224

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- > Tillamook
- > April 28
- > Oregon Dept. of Forestry, 5005 Third St., Tillamook
- > Contact: Chris Knutsen, ODFW, (503) 842-2741

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May 3, 2011

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Re: R&E Project Proposal 11-007
"Coastal Wild Coho Fisheries – creel surveys"

This letter is to inform you that the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board will recommend to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to approve funding in the amount of \$111,240 for the "Coastal Wild Coho Fisheries – creel surveys" project.

The Commission will be presented with the Board's recommendation at their June 3, 2011 meeting in Salem. If the project is approved for funding by the Commission, you will receive a contract to formalize the agreement between the R&E Program and yourself. Your project may not begin until July 1, 2011 and after all signatures have been obtained.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at (503) 947-6259 or Gary.R.Vonderohe@state.or.us.

Thank you for your interest in the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program and the natural resources of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Gary Vonderohe

Gary Vonderohe
Restoration and Enhancement Program Coordinator
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
3406 Cherry Avenue NE
Salem, Oregon 97303

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:22 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: R&E Board recommendations
Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Blue
Attachments: R&E Board Recommendation11-007.pdf; R&E Board Recommendation11-008.pdf
Per Ron, for June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Michael Gray
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 8:47 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie; Ron Boyce
Subject: FW: R&E Board recommendations

Do you need these for the Commission packet?

Mike

Mike Gray, District Fish Biologist
Oregon Dept. Fish & Wildlife
Charleston Field Office
(541) 888-5515

From: Gary R Vonderohe
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Michael Gray
Subject: R&E Board recommendations

See attached.

Gary Vonderohe
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Acting Restoration and Enhancement Coordinator
Phone: (503)947-6259



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May 3, 2011

Michael Gray
Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
PO Box 5003
Charleston, OR 97420



Re: R&E Project Proposal 11-008
"Coos Fall Chinook and Coho Monitoring Project"

This letter is to inform you that the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board will recommend to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to approve funding in the amount of \$175045 for the "Coos Fall Chinook and Coho Monitoring Project" project.

The Commission will be presented with the Board's recommendation at their June 3, 2011 meeting in Salem. If the project is approved for funding by the Commission, you will receive a contract to formalize the agreement between the R&E Program and yourself. Your project may not begin until July 1, 2011 and after all signatures have been obtained.

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3406 Cherry Avenue NE
Salem, Oregon 97303

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: September Coos-Coquille Bubble fishery proposal
Importance: High
Attachments: Coos-Coquille Bubble-2011.doc
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: September Coos-Coquille Bubble fishery proposal

June public comment from Paul Mertz (attachment doesn't list his name).

From: Eric Schindler
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Ron Boyce
Cc: Craig A Foster; Stephen Williams
Subject: FW: September Coos-Coquille Bubble fishery proposal

Ron:

Here it is. Note that it was sent to the Director's office already by Paul.

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From: Paul and Chris Merz [mailto:merzgigs@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 9:35 AM
To: Michael Gray; Ed Bowles; Curt Melcher; Eric Schindler; Ron Boyce; Roy.Elicker@state.or.us
Subject: September Coos-Coquille Bubble fishery proposal

Attached proposal
Paul

Coos/Coquille Terminal Fishery

April 26 2011

Projected 2011 Chinook and Coho returns for the Coos and Coquille systems justify an ocean commercial harvest in the month of September. This would provide public access to these fish and help to maintain markets during the month of September when the general ocean commercial season is closed by PFMC action.

Chinook returns to the Coos STEP hatcheries for 2010, over and above hatchery production needs, were in excess of 7000 fish. These fish were killed, not spawned and the carcasses returned to the systems as nutrient supplementation. Many of these fish could just as easily have gone to market to help support the local economies.

A limited September Commercial Ocean harvest of locally healthy Coho returns for public consumption is also warranted. Projected returns would support this effort while having little impact on wild Coho populations.

Proposal:

Open the area from 5 miles south of the Coquille river to Ten Mile Creek north of Coos Bay for a September fishery. Limit harvest to 50 fish per week per vessel (same as October Falcon to Humbug ocean Regulations)

Coho harvest on a ratio of no more than one Coho per five Chinook. Coho to be included in the 50 fish per week per vessel landing limit.

All landed Chinook will be genetically sampled using Project CROOS protocols.

Fishery will have a 5000 Chinook cap with closure for the remainder of September if harvest reaches 5000 Chinook prior to September 30.

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:17 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

Importance: High

For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

-----Original Message-----

From: John Seabourne [mailto:john.d.seabourne@state.or.us]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 8:03 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Blakely [mailto:kevin.l.blakely@state.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 7:24 AM
To: john.d.seabourne@state.or.us
Cc: Colleen R Munson
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

Please include this comment letter as part of the Commission packet for the June meeting. No direct response is required except to take the comments/questions into account for the agenda item. Thanks.

Kevin Blakely
Acting Deputy Director for Fish and Wildlife Programs Office of the Director
Phone: 503.947.6044
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Kevin.L.Blakely@state.or.us

-----Original Message-----

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:20 AM

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz River Fall Chinook Retention
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 1:18 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie; John Seabourne
Cc: Robert Buckman
Subject: FW: Siletz River Fall Chinook Retention

Amanda- please include in public comment for June packet, thanks

From: Nick Obteshka [mailto:n_obteshka@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 12:16 PM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Subject: Siletz River Fall Chinook Retention

Ron -

I would like to voice my opinion about the fall chinook sport fishing opportunities for 2011 on the Siletz River. I have been fishing the Siletz for close to 13 years now and have seen the runs there very good and also very poor. During this same period of time I am very well aware of changing ocean conditions and have also witnessed these changes first-hand to other species populations on the Oregon Coast in conjunction with the salmon runs. My dad and myself have had a small commercial fishing business for which we predominately catch rockfish and I see and know when things change in the ocean. During those down years on the fall chinook runs my successes on the ocean also yielded tougher fishing for other species. I am also aware that not everything has to do with local ocean conditions and migratory salmon are not directly related to rockfish populations here in Oregon but I am already seeing last year and so far this year that the fishing is better out on our ocean than it has been for a window of about 5 years in the recent past. I am in no way directly educated on offshore salmon fishing outside of Oregon so my input on some of the other factors that are present would not be accurate but I can say that the people in Oregon whom fish the Siletz River do care about that river and always want the future to have as good or better runs than we do now. So with that being said I am very much in favor of the retention limits on the fall chinook on the Siletz River to go back to a 2 fish daily limit/ 10 fish per year once again. The run predictions are good. Ocean conditions are better. Gas prices are high. Siletz is a larger river. And people do care. Thank you and I respect the outcome the state decides for this river.

Nick Obteshka
541-556-9230

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz Fall Chinook meeting Wed. 4-27-2011
Importance: High
 For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
 Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:20 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz Fall Chinook meeting Wed. 4-27-2011

June public comment.

From: Derek Anderson [mailto:danderson201@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 5:27 PM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us; robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Subject: Siletz Fall Chinook meeting Wed. 4-27-2011

To whom it may Concern,

My understanding is there will be a meeting this Wednesday to discuss the upcoming Fall Fishery on the Siletz, Due to Work I will be unable to attend this meeting but would like to write this letter to voice my opinion on the decision you will make on the Season. For the last several years the Siletz has had many restrictions including emergency closers and where or where not you can fish, I have agreed they were the right thing to do given the circumstances. This year proves to be a great year as was last year, I believe it is time to put the 2 fish a day limit back on the Siletz based on the 2010 run escapement of 4225 fish and the recapture number of 10000. Given these times and the amount we pay for Gas if we hit a great day we have the option of keeping 2 fish for the day, The reality is most will catch 1 and if there is a coho slot limit this year most will have 1 Chinook and 1 coho if they are allowed 2 fish. I'm scared that this 1 fish a day limit will become permanent and not just an emergency restriction, The Emergency restriction is over and it is time to put it back to 2 fish a day based on the 2010 numbers and the predictions for this year look good with the most liberal ocean Chinook season both commercial and sport that we have seen in years. I have fished this river for many years and the amount of pressure in the fall is far less than say steelhead season. It is time to send the message that things are looking up for the Siletz. It is my understanding that several people from Siletz Watershed Counsel are wanting restriction above Morgan park, There is absolutely no reason for these restrictions whether it is based on run size or powerboats or what ever other excuse they can think of, the fact of th ematter is the run is healthy and we do not want to see a permanant restriction on this river with a 1 fish a day limit. I 100% support the following rule 2 fish a day 10 per year all Chinook fishing closed above Old mill park.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider my letter when making your decision on this fishery.

Derek Anderson

Dallas, Oregon

5/10/2011

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz Fall Chinook limits
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:38 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz Fall Chinook limits

June public comment.

From: Adams, Matt [mailto:Matt.Adams@Grubb-Ellis.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 10:42 AM
To: robert.c.buckman@state.or.us; ron.boyce@state.or.us
Subject: Siletz Fall Chinook limits

Gentlemen,

It's my understanding you are accepting public comment related to 2011 Fall Chinook retention on the Siletz River. If so, I am writing in support of a 2-fish limit this 2011 fall season. All indicators are for solid runs so it seems 'emergency status' no longer applies for this run. Emergency restrictions have their place when return numbers support those restrictions. A 1-fish limit is not logical given expected returns. Moreover, it would be perceived as a "penalty" without warrant. I believe most sportsman are in favor of the 10 fish per year limitation to remain; I too am in favor of that as it's a reasonable "not to exceed" management tool.

Thanks very much for your consideration in supporting a 2-fish limit (10 fish per season) on the Siletz this year.

Sincerely,

Matt Adams
22184 Fisk Terrace
Sherwood, OR 97140
503.349.3531

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:49 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Fall Chinook Fish limits on the Siletz
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Fall Chinook Fish limits on the Siletz

June public comment.

From: Craig Selvidge [mailto:craig.selvidge@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 10:27 AM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us; robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Subject: Fall Chinook Fish limits on the Siletz

My understanding regarding data on returning runs of fall Chinook in the Siletz River suggest that the one fish limit be raised again to two fish in line with the rest of the coastal rivers. The impact of only fishing for one fish economically killed many of our local businesses out here in Lincoln County. I also strongly encourage the reopening of the rest of the river for fall Chinook to the town of Siletz.

Lincoln County needs this.

Regards, Lincoln County residents

Craig Selvidge

P.O. Box 371
Lincoln City, OR 97367
Office; 541-994-4707
Cell; 503-807-4241

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:49 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz limit-closure
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz limit-closure

June public comment.

From: Bill Ludwig [mailto:William@bnkconstruction.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:48 AM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us; robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Subject: Siletz limit-closure

Dear sirs:

I would like you to please consider opening the Siletz River up to Old Mill Park and also consider reinstating the 2 fish limit per pole.

In the past I have made 4-5 trips to fish the Siletz each fall from Portland to fish for Chinook. Last year I made 2 trips. I bring my son and son in laws and we spend either one or two nights in a motel and eat out each trip. The reason I reduced the number of trips is that to go down and spend that much money for the possibility of one fish I determined it is not worth it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Ludwig
President
BnK Construction, Inc.
Office: 503.557.0866
Cell: 503.888.0201
www.bnkconstruction.com

5/10/2011

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:25 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz

June public comment.

From: Jay Yelas [mailto:jyelas@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 7:27 AM
To: robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Cc: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Subject: Siletz

Bob, Ron,

We are hoping to see a 2 fish limit again on the Siletz this year for Chinook. Returns are no longer in an emergency situation. Thank you for reducing the harvest as you have the last couple of years to protect our beloved Siletz Chinook run. It looks like the numbers are back, so lets go back to 2 fish. Also, please keep the river open up to Old Mill. We enjoy that section of river.

Sincerely,

Jay Yelas
Corvallis

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: 2 fish bag
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:25 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: 2 fish bag

June public comment.

From: MYKEL JEFFERSON [mailto:shimano1@q.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 2:17 PM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Subject: 2 fish bag

Hi, I fish the siletz several times a year and this one fish bag I feel is out of line most people wont ever get two fish or even one for that matter and after doing some math I don't think a two fish bag would even kill an extra 150 to 200 fish per year if things are so bad we cant have that then the river should be shut down. the way things are now when you do get one fish you are done for the day just not worth the gas the drive all the way from salem if we could have a two fish bag even if we don't get the second fish we can keep fishing I feel if things keep going the way they are no one will want to spend the money on fishing and your tag sales will go down to the point there is not enough to fund fish and wild life

thanks for your time Sean

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz 2 Fish Limit Fall 2011
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:24 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz 2 Fish Limit Fall 2011

June public comment.

From: matt.langer@comcast.net [mailto:matt.langer@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 4:13 PM
To: robert buckman; ron boyce
Subject: Siletz 2 Fish Limit Fall 2011

We have a house on the lower Siletz in tidewater and we're familiar with the escapement data and run predictions. We and many neighbors fully understand why the 1 fish limit was instituted and we now understand that it is not necessary since we are not in an "emergency" situation. We also understand that a very small percentage of people actually capture fish #2.

Since the run prediction is above goals and emergency levels can you please increase the daily bag limit to 2 fish per person.

With the price of gas it's not worth the trip at a chance of catching only 1 fish.....it's not that we catch 2 every day, but the idea that we can keep 2 makes it worth the drive.

Go ahead and leave the 10 fish annual limit in place until we get sustained healthy runs.

Thanks for your time helping our fish.

Matthew D. Langer
503-956-9220 cell

"Leave no authority existing not responsible to the people." Thomas Jefferson

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Fall Chinook Regulations
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:24 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Fall Chinook Regulations

June public comment.

From: Grant Webster [mailto:gwebster@entek-international.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 1:26 PM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Cc: robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Subject: Fall Chinook Regulations

I just wanted to take a second to email you two about the regulation about to be set on the Siletz. I have no problem with the one Chinook bag limit, but would sure support Chinook retention being up to the bottom of town. It seems like a reasonable separation of keeping people off spawners while also spreading boats out.

I'm not sure where your districts end, but I'd also support a deadline of first bridge on the Nestucca.

Thanks – Grant Webster

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:45 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz River power boat regulations
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:14 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz River power boat regulations

Amanda, this is the first of several public comments for the June packet discussed, thanks

From: Ed Bowles
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 4:03 PM
To: Jim Stevenson
Cc: Ron Boyce; Bob Buckman
Subject: RE: Siletz River power boat regulations

Hi Jim... Thanks for your input. I will make sure it gets into the right hands. Good luck on the Willamette... Ed

From: Jim Stevenson [mailto:jimsfishing@bmi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 2:51 PM
To: Ed.Bowles@state.or.us
Subject: Siletz River power boat regulations

Dear Mr. Bowles,
It is my understanding there is a meeting in Newport tomorrow regarding salmon regulations and desiring public input. I will not be able to attend this meeting because the spring run of salmon in the Willamette valley is finally beginning to materialize. I'm a registered guide and a retired Captain from the Oregon State Police. I'm very concerned about what has been allowed with regards to power boats on the Siletz river above Morgan Park. With no jet pumps allowed above that location, many guides are using their 25 foot sleds and tilting up their 200+ engines with a prop and being able to access the river above the park area I have fished the Siletz for 30 years and have a 25' sled but I would never consider this type of usage. The stretches of water these large sleds access have spawning salmon in them I have observed them many times, in addition to the erosion that occurs from a large vessel on such a small river, from its wake. I fish this system with a drift boat powered by an electric motor and I truly would recommend a minimum engine size for the river above Morgan park. For example a 9.9 HP. Such a regulation would be more in line with other power boat regulations on central and north coast rivers. I hear many complaints about the usage of these large sleds on the Siletz above Morgan Park. I hope this will be considered by you and working with the Marine Board a change can be made, I know I would appreciate it along with many more anglers.

Thank you very much,
Jim Stevenson
PO Box 6042
Salem, Oregon 97304
503-881-5289

I would be willing to work with any staff regarding this issue and answer any questions or concerns.

5/10/2011

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:45 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz limit--closure
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
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Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:11 AM
To: Stephen Williams
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: RE: Siletz limit--closure

Steve- as discussed, I will forward to Amanda to begin compiling for the June packet, thanks

From: Stephen Williams
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 10:59 AM
To: Ron Boyce
Subject: RE: Siletz limit--closure

Ron: I hope we are saving all of these somewhere since they would all be public comment for the June Commission Packet.

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 9:00 AM
To: Robert Buckman; ed.bowles@state.or.us; Stephen Williams
Subject: FW: Siletz limit--closure

From: Bob Ludwig [mailto:boblud@ashlandwireless.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:28 AM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Cc: Bill Ludwig
Subject: Siletz limit--closure

Hello, I would like to ask you to please consider opening the Siltz river for fishing from the town of Siletz (Old Mill Park) on down river.
Also, with a boost in the projected run total for this fall, please consider reviving the 2 fish limit per pole.

Personal note. I live in Ashland, Or. I drive over to that area, stay in a motel, and spend money in local businesses. It is not worth my trip for a one fish limit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Ludwig
175 Pilot View Rd.
Ashland, Or. 97520

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Easing Siletz river emergency restrictions
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Cc: John Seabourne
Subject: FW: Easing Siletz river emergency restrictions

John- public comment for the June Commission packet; I have been sending Amanda as I receive, thanks

From: Ronald Ruf [mailto:rufffamily@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:52 PM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Subject: Easing Siletz river emergency restrictions

Ron

I wanted to drop you a note to encourage you to lift the emergency restrictions that were placed on the Siletz river in 2009. While it was apparent at the time that those restrictions were necessary, it appears that now the chinook salmon run has returned to a point where some of those restrictions could be eased. For many anglers who enjoy fishing the Siletz, significant travel time is involved getting to and from the river. It would be wonderful to make the trip knowing that the possibility exists to take home 2 fish, instead of just 1. Also, there is very good water below Old Mill park that I would like to see reopened. For the most part, fish in this section of river are reached by drift boat, and the problem of snagging spawning salmon seems to be minimal. I do support a seasonal bag limit for the river which would help prevent the overharvest of salmon on the Siletz.

thank you for your time

Ron Ruf
Florence, OR

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:21 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz 2 fish limit.
Importance: High
 For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
 Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:14 AM
To: 'eddie kim'; ron.boyce@state.or.us; robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: RE: Siletz 2 fish limit.

Thanks Eddie. Amanda- please include in packet for the Commission, thanks

From: eddie kim [mailto:kimed44@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 10:22 PM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us; robert.c.buckman@state.or.us; eddie kim
Subject: Siletz 2 fish limit.

Attention: ODFW

RE: Siletz Salmom 2 Fish Limit

My name is Eddie Kim and I am a dentist here in Lincoln County. I am taking this opportunity to express the desire to see the daily salmon retention on the Siletz River increase back to a 2 fish per day limit. This recommendation is based on the high run forecast for 2011, high escapement, and the resulting non emergency levels. For 2009 and 2010, the public was appropriately informed that due to emergency levels, emergency restrictions were necessary for the Siletz. Like many rivers directly south of the Siletz, once ODFW accurately forecasted healthy returns following emergency levels in 2009, retention increased to a 2 fish per day limit. Again, since the emergency levels are no longer existent, we are all hopeful that ODFW will consider returning the Siletz back to a two fish per day limit.

The impact of increasing the daily limit will be significant: Increase license and tag purchases, increase in spending in the local area to include gas, food, supplies and restaurants, all resulting in a significant impact for the local economy despite poor economic times. If the 1 limit per day remains on the Siletz, I believe that the perception will be that the runs remain poor on the Siletz, that the river is not being properly managed by ODFW (especially when all the streams south are having superb returns), and that anglers will not find it worthwhile to pursue opportunities on the Siletz.

Fisheries Biology is obviously not my area of expertise, and consequently I will trust ODFW will make the correct decision regarding the daily limits for the Siletz River. However, I will add that based on the data, the perception is that the Siletz is no longer in an emergency situation, and therefore should return to a 2 fish per day limit to provide anglers with additional opportunities, without concern with future diminishing returns or run strength.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eddie L. Kim DDS

5/10/2011

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Siletz 2011 regulations
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
Acting Asst. Operations Manager Fish Division
Ph: (503) 947-6226

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:31 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: Siletz 2011 regulations

June public comment.

From: Scott Amerman [mailto:scott@amermaneggs.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 7:41 AM
To: 'Robert Buckman'; 'Ron Boyce'; stephen.h.williams@state.or.us; Ed.bowles@state.or.us; 'Rick Klumph'
Subject: Siletz 2011 regulations

I am asking that the ODFW adopts a 2 fish per day 10 fish per season Chinook salmon regulation for the 2011 season with the river open from the mouth to Old mill park boat ramp. I believe ODFW has a major flaw in its run forecaster for the 2011 season on the Siletz that makes it look like this year's return will not be as strong as it actually will be. But even given their forecast for the 2011 season, there is no biological reason to not return to a two fish limit. The one fish limit that was put in place for the 2009 and 2010 season were placed as emergency restrictions and ODFW assured us that once the river was no longer at emergency levels, we would remove the emergency restrictions. We clearly are no longer at emergency levels on the Siletz no matter how we measure the run.

There are two problems we have with the run forecast on the Siletz for the 2011 season. One is that ODFW's run estimate for 2010 is very low at 4225 fish. ODFW's own data in the mark recapture data for the Siletz shows that the run size for 2010 season was probably between 9000 and 14000 fish in 2010 with a Pooled Paterson est. of 10,985 and bootstrap est. of 12,200 fish. ODFW can dismiss their own data and say that this process returned too high of estimates for the run in 2010 but even if you take the low end of their data at 9000 fish, it is clear the run forecast of 4225 fish was way low. The other main factor is for the 2011 season every river up and down the Oregon coast is expected to have a marked increase in run size from 2010 to the 2011 season. The Siletz is the only river in Oregon that the forecast for the 2011 season does not go significantly up from their estimated escapement from 2010. Again this forecast is just plain wrong. ODFW staff can say their forecast doesn't go up because the

data used in the mark recapture doesn't show young salmon age classes in the 2010 returns, but again this is flawed. Just because they didn't see large returns of 2 and 3 year old fish in the spawn count research from 2010 doesn't mean these numbers were super high last year in the Siletz just like every other river in Oregon. In fact the mark recapture data shows that 21% of the total fish caught during its capture part were 2 year old fish. Fisherman all over the river last year saw some of the largest returns of 2 and 3 year old fish we have ever seen on the Siletz, so we know returns will be even better this year.

All of the same reasons ODFW list for why the mark recapture data might be wrong from the 2010 season can easily explain also why the age class data is most likely wrong for 2010, and why the forecasts for 2011 are way too low. Even if we take the low end of this data at 9000 fish, we still are way above estimates of 4200. Even given the ODFW current forecast for 2011 season, we are way above PST goals of 2900 fish. And either way, we are a long way from being at emergency levels in 2011. We have regulated on the safe side being more conservative than we needed to be the last two years. In ODFW words, we played it safe. If you honestly feel that restrictions in 2011 are needed to save the Siletz or that they will have major effect on what happens with future returns on the Siletz, then please keep them in place. But I know from talking to all the ODFW staff I have talked to that no one feels that way.

Fishing pressure on the river and sportsman catch played very little part if any at all in the decline of 2008 and 2009. The decline these years had nothing at all to do with how many fish were caught in year prior. Escapement in 2001-2004 were some of the highest escapements in 100 years on the Siletz. The river got way above spawning escapement needs those years and the fish spawned successfully and fry left for the ocean. Yet the fish failed to return in 2008. Other factors lead to the decline in 2008-2009 outside of sportsfisherman catch. Whether we regulate for a 2 fish limit or a 1 fish limit in 2011 will have no effect at all on future returns to the Siletz. The declines in 2008 and 2009 were caused by nature. If you look at 100 years of data on the Siletz, you will see it is filled with many ups and downs. Nature and many other factors will shape future returns regardless of how you regulate the sportsfisherman.

Returning to a 2 fish limit instead of the emergency 1 fish limit will have little effect on the overall catch on the Siletz for the 2011 season. ODFW catch record data shows that changing to a two fish limit will have about a 12% change in catch rate. But this year is not an ordinary year on the Siletz and as such the 12% increase will be much smaller this year for a number of reasons. This year we will have a Coho season on the Siletz which will let us harvest around 700 wild Coho on the Siletz so a very large percentage of the 12% of fish caught as 2nd fish will in fact be Coho and will have no effect at all on adult escapement of Wild chinooks on the Siletz. Also, if we limit the annual catch total to 10 fish per year instead of 20 fish per year, then those people that catch 10 fish this year and reach their 10 fish limit will have no effect on the overall escapement on the Siletz because the catch numbers will be the same if that person catches his 10 fish per year 1 a day for 10 days or 2 a day for 5 days. Either way this person is maxing out at 10 fish so their 12% impact will be way less. Another factor this year on the Siletz is that we will have a very strong return of 2 salt and 3 salt males returning; one side effect of a 1 fish limit is that most of these small males in the 2 and 3 salt age class get released under a one fish limit since people who are only able to kill one fish will release a small fish to keep a big fish. A good percentage of the fish that do make up the 12% increase will be these small males that can be kept with a two fish limit that would be released under a 1 fish limit. So with a large Coho season set for

2011 and a max of 10 fish the impact will be much less than the normal 12% change for this year and many of those extra fish that are harvested will be small males that the river will have a large surplus of in 2011.

I am asking for the Siletz to be returned to the non emergency restrictions and am still willing error on the side of caution and to reduce the annual limit from 20 fish to 10 and still allow for much of the river to be closed above Old Mill Park. The Siletz for many years maintained strong returns year after year while it was managed under a 2 per day 20 per year regulation with the river open 30 miles above the old mill site (at the falls then moved down to buck creek). From everyone I have talked to at ODFW I do not believe one person at ODFW can honestly say that they believe that changing these regulations back for 2011 will have any influence on future returns to the Siletz going forward. But it will have a huge impact on businesses such as mine, other guides, hotels, boat marines, restaurants and even license sales, and on the coast that have been hit super hard over the last two years with restrictions on the fishery and compounded by a poor economy and rising gas prices. I know my business is off over 25% the last couple years because people simply don't want to spend the money on gas, fishing licenses, hotels and other stuff for the possibility of only 1 fish. It is not the fact that most people will catch 2 fish per day that gets people out fishing; it is the perceived hope that they have a chance to catch two fish. Plus another year of a one fish limit will once again send the message that the Siletz returns for 2011 will be poor and people will perceive that fishing will be poor, or we would be restricted to emergency levels again.

So please return the Siletz to pre-emergency restrictions for 2011 as we were assured you would do when you put the emergency restrictions in place in 2009.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and your time on the Siletz

Scott Amerman

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:17 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Slietz river
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

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From: Robert Buckman
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 8:32 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie; Ron Boyce
Subject: FW: Slietz river

Amanda, please include in the angling regulation agenda item for the Commission packet for the June 3rd meeting.

Thank you
Bob Buckman

From: Jay and Patti [mailto:jaynpatti@uci.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Robert.C.Buckman@state.or.us
Subject: Slietz river

Hello , we would love to see 2/20 for Chinnok, and 1/5 Silvers. We live and work here and it would be wonderful to see these numbers if possible. Thank you, James Harrison

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:28 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons
Importance: High

For June Commission

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From: Todd Confer
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 8:45 AM
To: 'Ron Boyce'
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie; Russell Stauff
Subject: RE: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Hi Ron:

I've received 2 verbal comments regarding the proposed 2011 coastal fall Chinook regulations:

- 1) On April 25 Aaron Longton indicated that he supported the ODFW recommended option for the Elk terminal area fishery, except that he would like to see the season extend through Dec. 15.
- 2) On May 2 Rich Heap expressed some concern about the ODFW recommended Chetco terminal area fisheries, noting that we're recommending additional harvest as compared to 2010 even though our forecast for 2011 is lower than the forecast for 2010. Rich also indicated that because we were recommending additional harvest for the commercial fishery Oregon South Coast Fishermen would be sending a comment letter indicating support for option 2 for the sport fishery (October 1-14 season).

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From: Ron Boyce [<mailto:ron.boyce@state.or.us>]
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2011 3:48 PM
To: Todd Confer
Subject: RE: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Hi Todd, hope this finding you well. Let me know of any issues after your dinner with Tony. Both the Newport and Tillamook meetings went well, and from talking to Mike sounds like no major issues from the North Bend meeting. Enjoy your weekend, later

From: Todd Confer [<mailto:todd.a.confer@state.or.us>]
Sent: Fri 4/29/2011 10:40 AM
To: fiskare@charter.net; seafishingtonyus@aol.com; todd.a.confer@state.or.us
Cc: john.a.weber@state.or.us; ron.boyce@state.or.us; russell.p.stauff@state.or.us

5/10/2011

Subject: RE: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

See you Monday at Poncho's

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From: Seafishingtonyus@aol.com [mailto:Seafishingtonyus@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 12:38 PM
To: todd.a.confer@state.or.us; fiskare@charter.net
Cc: john.a.weber@state.or.us; ron.boyce@state.or.us; russell.p.stauff@state.or.us
Subject: Re: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Ok Todd,

I will see you at 4.30 pm at Poncho's, if you mean the same one we went to last time. Are you OK for this to Rich?

Tony Hobbs.

President, Oregon South Coast Fishermen.

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In a message dated 4/25/2011 11:42:49 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, todd.a.confer@state.or.us writes:

Hi Tony:

How about having an early dinner before the advisory committee meeting on May 2? About 4:30 at Rubio's (or whatever they call that mexican restaurant these days)?

Todd

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From: Seafishingtonyus@aol.com [mailto:Seafishingtonyus@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2011 5:34 PM
To: todd.a.confer@state.or.us; fiskare@charter.net
Cc: john.a.weber@state.or.us; ron.boyce@state.or.us; russell.p.stauff@state.or.us
Subject: Re: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Hi Todd,

Must admit I did not look at my emails when I got back on Thursday from Reel Fishing day's as I was shattered. I enjoyed our talk during the day though, even if we were interrupted somewhat by the kid's I was helping.

Friday I mostly stayed in bed as two day's of standing does not do my back any good & I am actually seeing the doctor tomorrow (Monday) to see if I can get stronger prescription pain killers as the ones I take now just do not seem to be doing anything now after 6 years of using them for the two spine op's I have had.

I will be back at Arizona State park again Wed's & Thurs for the Brookings's 3rd graders Reel Fishing Day's & hopefully if I've got new drugs, fishing for springers Friday.
So, maybe we could have a talk before the Rogue SMU meeting on Monday May 2nd which you & Rich will be attending, I could always met you both before the 6.00 pm start time, maybe 5.30 pm somewhere in Brookings or at the library, of course we could always do lunch.

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In a message dated 4/20/2011 9:11:45 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, todd.a.confer@state.or.us writes:

Hi Tony:

Attached is the options table for the 2011 fall Chinook regulations. You'll probably be mostly interested in the last 2 pages. Like the last several years the table is organized into columns for 2010 regulations and 2 options for 2011, although a number of streams only have one option. The ODFW recommended options are in **bold**.

Regulation proposals are scheduled to be presented to the Fish and Wildlife Commission at the June 3 commission meeting at the Salem headquarters office. Comments provided prior to May 16 will be included in the commission packet.

Obviously sooner is better than later for providing feedback so that we can take your comments into account when staff formulates final recommendations for presentation to the Commission.

I've got a meeting at 1000 am on Friday (4/23) but am available later in the day. if you're interested perhaps we could meet for lunch in Brookings.

Todd

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From: Todd Confer
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 8:44 AM
To: 'Seafishingtonyus@aol.com'
Cc: Russell Stauff; Ron Boyce; John Weber
Subject: RE: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Hi Tony:

The draft fall Chinook regulation proposals for south coast streams, including the Chetco, are pretty much unchanged from last year. Because we're looking at mostly status quo fisheries it was decided that the Department would not hold a public meeting on the south coast.

I intend to meet with South Coast Fishermen to get your input, after the Department releases the draft proposals to the public (should be sometime this week).

Todd

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From: Seafishingtonyus@aol.com [mailto:Seafishingtonyus@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 3:22 PM
To: Seafishingtonyus@aol.com
Subject: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Hello all.

I received this email in a roundabout way from the Inland Sports Fishing Leaders Group that I am on & not how one would expect to find out about a meeting about our local river, the Chetco. Why is there no meeting in our area about our river?

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From: ODFW News
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 9:35 AM
To: ODFW All Staff
Subject: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

NEWS RELEASE

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Contact: Ron Boyce (971) 673-6081
Jessica Sall (503) 947-6023

For immediate release

April 14, 2011

ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host three public meetings in coastal communities later this month to solicit input on regulations for the 2011 fall chinook and coho salmon seasons in Oregon bays and coastal rivers.

The meetings are scheduled for April 26-28 in North Bend, Newport and Tillamook, and discussions will include sport and commercial chinook seasons in terminal ocean

areas off Tillamook, Elk, and Chetco rivers, sport chinook fisheries in all coastal rivers, and sport wild coho fisheries in select rivers and lakes.

Fishery managers are looking at mostly improved fishing prospects in 2011, thanks to continued good forecasts of chinook and coho salmon in many coastal watersheds.

"Coastwide, chinook forecasts are up about 20 percent over last year primarily due to strong returns on the south coast and, to a lesser extent, on the mid coast," said Ron Boyce, ODFW Ocean Salmon Columbia River Program manager. "However, chinook forecasts for north coast basins are still uncertain."

"Chinook regulations overall should be less constrained than last year," he added, "but anglers can expect some bag limit restrictions and area closures in north coast streams although fewer than last year."

ODFW will also be seeking input on proposed wild coho fisheries in 10 rivers (Nehalem, Tillamook, Nestucca, Siletz, Yaquina, Alsea, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Coos, and Coquille) and Tenmile Lakes. This will be the third year that wild coho fisheries have been considered in select rivers that meet criteria under a federal Fishery Management and Evaluation Plan as well as Pacific Fishery Management Council guidelines. The number of rivers was increased from three last year to ten this year in response to the large number of adults spawning in 2010 (over 265,000) and another high return forecasted for this year (nearly 250,000).

"These will be very conservative fisheries that meet all conservation guidelines but nonetheless provide significant opportunity for recreational fishing," Boyce said. "I think the huge coho returns we've seen the last few years are in response to favorable ocean conditions but also can be attributed to years of hard work to restore coho salmon populations along the Oregon coast."

At the upcoming public meetings ODFW staff will present information on the run forecasts and discuss options for the chinook and coho seasons.

ODFW staff will use public feedback from these meetings to develop recommendations for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to consider at its June 3 meeting in Salem.

All meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting dates, locations, and ODFW contacts are as follows:

North Bend

April 26

North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend

Contact: Mike Gray, ODFW, (541) 888-5515

Newport

April 27

Hallmark Resort Newport, 744 Elizabeth, Newport

Contact: Bob Buckman, ODFW, (541) 265-8306 X224

Tillamook

April 28

Oregon Dept. of Forestry, 5005 Third St., Tillamook

Contact: Chris Knutsen, ODFW, (503) 842-2741

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: June Commission public comments

Importance: High
 For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie

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From: Michael Gray
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Ron Boyce; Stephen Williams; Chris Knutsen; Robert Buckman; Laura Jackson; Todd Confer; Eric Schindler; Craig A Foster
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: RE: June Commission public comments

Ron and Amanda:

I received a voicemail from Paul Heikkila, commercial fisherman and retired OSU Marine Extension Agent from Coos County. Paul recommended for the commercial bubble off Coos County that it extend from Crooked Creek south of Bandon up to Tenmile Creek. He was supportive of the September 1-30 dates, and 50 fish per week landing limit. He also recommended an overall quota for the fishery, although he did not specify a number.

That's all the detail that was in the voicemail.

Mike Gray

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From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:19 AM
To: Ron Boyce; Stephen Williams; Chris Knutsen; Robert Buckman; Laura Jackson; Michael Gray; Todd Confer; Eric Schindler; Craig A Foster
Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: June Commission public comments

Chris, Bob, Laura, Mike, Todd, and Eric- forgot to add, please forward public comments you received that I didn't to Amanda who will compile, thanks

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:11 AM
To: 'Stephen Williams'

5/10/2011

Cc: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: RE: Siletz limit--closure

Steve- as discussed, I will forward to Amanda to begin compiling for the June packet, thanks

From: Stephen Williams
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 10:59 AM
To: Ron Boyce
Subject: RE: Siletz limit--closure

Ron: I hope we are saving all of these somewhere since they would all be public comment for the June Commission Packet.

From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 9:00 AM
To: Robert Buckman; ed.bowles@state.or.us; Stephen Williams
Subject: FW: Siletz limit--closure

From: Bob Ludwig [mailto:boblud@ashlandwireless.net]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:28 AM
To: ron.boyce@state.or.us
Cc: Bill Ludwig
Subject: Siletz limit--closure

Hello, I would like to ask you to please consider opening the Siltz river for fishing from the town of Siletz (Old Mill Park) on down river.

Also, with a boost in the projected run total for this fall, please consider reviving the 2 fish limit per pole.

Personal note. I live in Ashland, Or. I drive over to that area, stay in a motel, and spend money in local businesses. It is not worth my trip for a one fish limit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Ludwig
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Ashland, Or. 97520

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: fishing regs
Importance: High
For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
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From: Robert Buckman
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 8:34 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Cc: Ron Boyce
Subject: FW: fishing regs

Amanda, here's another public comment. Please include in the packet for the June 3rd Commission meeting under the angling regulation agenda item.

Thank you
Bob Buckman

From: Coyote Rock [mailto:coyrock@harborside.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 08, 2011 10:55 AM
To: robert.c.buckman@state.or.us
Subject: fishing regs

Hi Bob

Wanted to comment on bag limits for the Siletz River for this falls fishing season.

After attending the meeting in Newport the data that was presented clearly showed that a bag limit of 2 per day and 20 for the year for Chinook and 1 per day and 5 for the year for Coho was very reasonable. The data showed that the catch rates increased ever so slightly with these limits, but the benefits for businesses like mine, an RV park and marina, and for many local businesses is absolutely huge.

Having the ability to catch more fish, even though most will not, gives businesses like mine and many others the boost we need to retain and even increase our occupancy rate in an economic environment that is dismal at best.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

5/10/2011

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May 5, 2011

Bob Buckman

I would like to propose a
eight fish a year two a day limit
on the silver salmon on the
rivers. The numbers are there
to warrant it the way the
gas is and the economy is
more people would fish for silvers.
It would also give the commission
the data.

Thank You
Don Henry

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Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:18 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: Dan Lorenz comments on 2011 Siuslaw salmon seasons for June 3rd Commission meeting.
Importance: High
Attachments: Dan Lorenz comments 2011 Siuslaw salmon.pdf
For June Commission

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From: Robert Buckman
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Cc: Ron Boyce; 'John Spangler'
Subject: Dan Lorenz comments on 2011 Siuslaw salmon seasons for June 3rd Commission meeting.

Amanda, please include these comments in the packet that goes to the Commission along with other public comments for the salmon regulations agenda item at the June 3rd, 2011 meeting.

Thanks
Bob Buckman

From: Garry Bullard [mailto:garrybullard@nehalem.tel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Chris Knutsen
Cc: betsy@betsyjohnson.com; Ed.BOWLES@state.or.us
Subject: Re: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

> Chris:

This is a response to your recent email soliciting input concerning what may be the Nehalem Estuary Salmon Fishing Regulations for 2011.

First, I want to complement you on the progress that was made last year.

It was a cautious approach which balanced the important interests of restoring the Spring and Fall Chinook runs and the interests of the community. As it turned out in hindsight, we certainly could have had a managed wild Coho fishery; however, given the problems and red-tape of managing a species that remains "listed", there is no room for justifiable criticism. No one could have predicted that stupendous wild Coho return. Of course, we could certainly do with more clipped Coho from the North Fork Hatchery, as it seems like clipped Coho are the "endangered" species in Nehalem Bay.

As for the Chinook fishery I believe we have begun the long journey back to restoration of healthy Fall and, perhaps even, Spring runs.

Important elements in that beginning in 2010 were area closures, specifically the Jaws and up river from the Highway 53 bridge. Those closures were not only important for purposes of healthy dispersal past the Jaws where the fish are most vulnerable, but protection of spawning areas once they move upstream. Beyond that, these measures were important signals to the community that ODFW does not just pander to commercial interests, the guides, who flock in numbers to the Jaws. It signals that ODFW cares about the health of the whole system, about over-fishing, and about fairness to local fishermen.

I urge you to continue the good work begun in 2010 given the inherent unpredictability of this whole subject. The responsible course is to continue the conservation based protected area closures for at least an entire 3-4 year cycle.

Finally, please do not fail to consider the Nehalem area community and what healthy Chinook runs mean to this community. After a slow start, the success of the ODFW STEP program requires community involvement based on ODFW continued support of these protected area closures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Garry Bullard

Manzanita, Oregon

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

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For June Commission

Amanda Mckenzie
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From: Ron Boyce
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Cc: Ron Boyce
Subject: FW: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

Public comment for June packet, thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Knutsen
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 11:09 AM
To: Ron Rehn; Ron Boyce; Robert Bradley; Rick Klumph
Subject: FW: FW: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

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Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 7:58 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: 2011 Nehalem Salmon Regulations

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For June Commission

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From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 12:23 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie; Ron Boyce
Subject: FW: 2011 Nehalem Salmon Regulations

Public Correspondence for the June 4th Commission meeting. I believe this is for "Exhibit K: 2011 Coastal Fall Chinook and Coho Regulations for the Terminal Fisheries". Thanks. - Teri Kucera

-----Original Message-----

From: Garry Bullard [mailto:garrybullard@nehalem.tel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 8:21 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: chris.j.knutsen@state.or.us
Subject: 2011 Nehalem Salmon Regulations

Chair Marla Rae, Members of the Commission:

This letter is intended to express my support for the proposed 2011 Nehalem Chinook regulations put forward by North Coast Fisheries Biologist, Chris Knutsen. My reasons are outlined below.

1- HISTORY, The Nehalem wild chinook fishery is both unique and critical to the North Coast community. This fishery is not only of great importance economically but I believe is historically at the core of the society residing here. That fishery, which consists of a summer run and a fall run, has declined steadily in recent years. The summer run has been especially in serious decline.

There are a number of causes of the fishery's decline. Opinions vary as to the weight to be given these causes, such as habitat destruction, predation, ocean conditions, etc. But the community that lives here and can observe first hand there is broad agreement that overfishing has been a major contributor to this decline. The Nehalem wild chinook fishery is small and fragile. The estuary is relatively small and the river relatively narrow. It is also situated between two major fisheries, the Columbia and Tillamook Bay. Professionals, largely from out of the area and the state, are highly mobile. Many head for the Nehalem when either of the major fisheries are closed or off the bite. The impact of this is magnified by their ability to concentrate at the entrance to the bay, the "jaws," on the incoming tide. Consequently, there is an inordinate percentage of each run taken at the jaws by a relatively small percentage, largely professionals, who are highly proficient on behalf of a daily turnover of customers. This situation, in combination with the taking of dark fish for eggs upstream, must be addressed if the Nehalem chinook runs are to survive over time.

2- RECENT ODFW ACTION. In 2009 the projected chinook returns were at dangerously low levels. A crisis existed. ODFW quite properly imposed an emergency closure of all chinook fishing on the Nehalem. In 2010 there was a slight improvement and a limited catch of two fish per season was allowed. Important measures establishing protected zones from the mouth of the bay to the state park boat ramp until October 1 and above the Hwy 53 bridge from September 1 were also instituted. These measures allowed fish to adapt to fresh water and disperse into the bay and to remain unmolested in spawning areas upstream. They were necessary then and remain necessary now.

3- THE KNUTSEN PROPOSAL> For the 2011 season somewhat improved chinook runs are anticipated in the fall run. Based on this projection a ten fish per season, one fish per day limit is proposed. It is also proposed that closure of the jaws continue as in 2010, but open September 15 rather than October 1 as in 2010. This earlier date is proposed to coincide with a proposed 1,200 fish wild Coho season, one per day, two per season. This is a follow up to the extraordinary wild coho return of 2010. Chinook fishing would also be allowed upstream to a deadline at Peterson Creek to provide bank anglers fishing opportunities.

The Knutsen proposal is a reasonable compromise. It provides those who fish the jaws two additional weeks and does so at the outset of a limited wild coho season. This will in all likelihood draw down the 1,200 wild coho quota quickly. But the closure until September 15 will provide critical protection for the much weaker summer run. The wild coho season is based on an anticipated near repetition of last year's extraordinary return. It makes sense in that situation to open the jaws to both chinook and coho fishing for this year. The continued closure upstream from Peterson Creek addresses the on going problem of spawners being taken for eggs.

It is my hope that the North County community and ODFW staff can work together to

establish permanent regulations for the next 4 year cycle that will continue the conservation measures at the jaws and upriver which were instituted in 2010. The 2009 crisis caused us all to focus on long term preservation of these salmon runs for posterity. There was anger and frustration in the community in 2009. But good work has followed.

The Knutsen proposal for the Nehalem represents a continuation of that progress. It does not please everyone in the short term but it moves us in the right direction toward what should be a common goal. We cannot undo mistakes of the past but we can work together to avoid repeating those mistakes. I urge that the Knutsen Proposal be adopted for the 2011 season.

Thank you for your consideration.

Garry R Bullard
Manzanita, Oregon

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Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 7:07 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: coho regs
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From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: coho regs

Public correspondence for **Exhibit K: 2011 COASTAL FALL CHINOOK AND COHO REGULATIONS FOR THE TERMINAL FISHERIES**. – Teri Kucera

From: Jerry Boydston [mailto:jerryb209@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 2:53 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: coho regs

Thanks for considering the limited take for Coho in bays and rivers. By keeping the limit to one or two fish total for each angler per season per drainage, it shouldn't overly stress the stocks. Seems like we catch many more silvers these last few years in the bay. Some of which we know we killed but still had to release. And since many people only get to go fishing once or twice per season, this gives them a chance to bring home a prize! The proposed quotas seem reasonable too.
Jerry Boydston, Albany, OR.

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> From: ODFW News

> Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 9:35 AM

> To: ODFW All Staff

> Subject: ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

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> Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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> For immediate release

> April 14, 2011

> ODFW seeks input on coastal salmon seasons

> SALEM, Ore. - The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host
> three public meetings in coastal communities later this month to
> solicit input on regulations for the 2011 fall chinook and coho salmon
> seasons in Oregon bays and coastal rivers.

> The meetings are scheduled for April 26-28 in North Bend, Newport and
> Tillamook, and discussions will include sport and commercial chinook
> seasons in terminal ocean areas off Tillamook, Elk, and Chetco rivers,
> sport chinook fisheries in all coastal rivers, and sport wild coho
> fisheries in select rivers and lakes.

> Fishery managers are looking at mostly improved fishing prospects in
> 2011, thanks to continued good forecasts of chinook and coho salmon in
> many coastal watersheds.

> "Coastwide, chinook forecasts are up about 20 percent over last year
> primarily due to strong returns on the south coast and, to a lesser
> extent, on the mid coast," said Ron Boyce, ODFW Ocean Salmon Columbia
> River Program manager. "However, chinook forecasts for north coast
> basins are still uncertain."

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- > "Chinook regulations overall should be less constrained than last year,"
- > he added, "but anglers can expect some bag limit restrictions and area
- > closures in north coast streams although fewer than last year."
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- > ODFW will also be seeking input on proposed wild coho fisheries in 10
- > rivers (Nehalem, Tillamook, Nestucca, Siletz, Yaquina, Alsea, Siuslaw,
- > Umpqua, Coos, and Coquille) and Tenmile Lakes. This will be the third
- > year that wild coho fisheries have been considered in select rivers
- > that meet criteria under a federal Fishery Management and Evaluation
- > Plan as well as Pacific Fishery Management Council guidelines. The
- > number of rivers was increased from three last year to ten this year
- > in response to the large number of adults spawning in 2010 (over
- > 265,000) and another high return forecasted for this year (nearly 250,000).
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- > "These will be very conservative fisheries that meet all conservation
- > guidelines but nonetheless provide significant opportunity for
- > recreational fishing," Boyce said. "I think the huge coho returns
- > we've seen the last few years are in response to favorable ocean
- > conditions but also can be attributed to years of hard work to restore
- > coho salmon populations along the Oregon coast."
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- > At the upcoming public meetings ODFW staff will present information on
- > the run forecasts and discuss options for the chinook and coho seasons.
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- > ODFW staff will use public feedback from these meetings to develop
- > recommendations for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to
- > consider at its June 3 meeting in Salem.
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- > All meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting dates, locations,
- > and ODFW contacts are as follows:

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 10:17 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

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For June Commission

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Seabourne [mailto:john.d.seabourne@state.or.us]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 8:03 AM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Blakely [mailto:kevin.l.blakely@state.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 7:24 AM
To: john.d.seabourne@state.or.us
Cc: Colleen R Munson
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

Please include this comment letter as part of the Commission packet for the June meeting. No direct response is required except to take the comments/questions into account for the agenda item. Thanks.

Kevin Blakely
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-----Original Message-----

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:20 AM
To: Kevin Blakely
Subject: FW: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

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From: Keith Chartier [mailto:otto@nehalem.tel.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2011 11:48 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: [Fwd: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting]

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Subject: April 28 th Tillamook Input Meeting
From: "Keith Chartier" <otto@nehalem.tel.net>
Date: Sat, April 30, 2011 11:42 am
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Cc: sen.betsyjohnson@state.or.us
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I'm hoping this is the right link to the commission for comment on the meeting from Thursday night in Tillamook. Seemed to be one of the better meetings I've been too, mostly because of the lack of attendees.

Not sure why but things where discussed with plenty of time for comments and answers.

There question that I left with that still bother me but most the answers were the need to keep things simplified in the rules and laws.

My name is Keith Chartier, 58 years I grew up in Wheeler, lived 40 years along the banks of the Main Nehalem up at Foss.

The closer of the river at Foley bridge had a short discussion started by Jim Nelison from Wheeler Marina stating that this closer handicaps bank anglers which because of all private property below Roy Creek. I totally agree, he proposed a higher deadline at Molher Sand and Gravel.

This would be better but even a higher deadline would greatly increase bank angling. I would suggest to the mouth of Lost Creek. Most non tidal catch of Nehalem Chinook is from the Old Forestry Camp and below Nehalem Falls.

This closer would have suffiant impacted that I think odfw is looking for while also providing access for bank angling. I realize the commission job isn't easy with all the ideas and opinions but please don't forget about the few folks that haven't the opportunity the troll the bay to

catch there few fish that seems to be provided to the Tillamook and Nestucca systems. With that said it reminds of the coho input section that for the the two above mentioned systems there were two different proposals for each system, #1 tide water trolling or #2 non-tidal fishing. I didn't ask why the Nehalem didn't have the same option just figuring it was because it need to stay simple.

Keeping it simple just doesn't work in all cases and it differently doesn't help bank angler that only have that option to fish.

Last years closer was something we need to do to save our fishery but to open the Mouth at the jaws, have a ten fish limit again while keeping a already limited bank angling to zero is just plan wrong if not just greed.

It seems that the Decision to open the mouth of the Nehalem is a done deal at least the lack of attendees at this meeting seems to show, but if we truly want to save what we have please keep it closed.

Thanks for listening
Keith Chartier
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503-812-0237

Margaret Cleveland

From: Amanda Mckenzie
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 7:11 AM
To: Margaret Cleveland
Subject: FW:

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For June Commission

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-----Original Message-----

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 1:19 PM
To: Amanda Mckenzie
Subject: FW:

Comments for Commission in June? - TK

-----Original Message-----

From: Trudy Wagner [mailto:trudy.wagner@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 10:42 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject:

Please increase the limit for fishing at Diamond Lake. It will reduce the overstock possibilities and encourage more fishing. It costs to go fishing, it needs to be worthwhile to a fisherman. It can always be lowered if there does become more than expected.
Sincerely, Trudy Wagner

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Trudy M. Wagner



Siletz Watershed Council
23 North Coast Highway
Newport, OR 97365
541.265.9195

May 17, 2011

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
3406 Cherry Ave NE
Salem, Oregon 97303

ATTENTION: Commissioners, Fish Division

Dear Commission Members:

On behalf of the Siletz Watershed Council (SWC) I am writing regarding the management of fall chinook in the Siletz Basin for year 2011. It is the concern of the watershed council that returning numbers of salmon could be less than predicted and that if the fall chinook fishing regulations are too liberal, it could negatively affect future returns. Below are the recommendations of the SWC on bag limit, deadline, and the proposed coho fishery for the upcoming year.

The position of the SWC is that it would be in better judgment to limit the harvest to 1 per day/5 per year and the deadline be moved down to Ojalla Bridge (river mile 31).

Bag limit

ODFW biologist Bob Buckman presented data on April 27th that the average spawners for the Siletz basin between 1990–2010 were 5,775 per year and the forecasted return for 2011 is 4,270 spawners, this means predicted spawners for the fall of 2011 is 27% below the 20 year average for the Siletz watershed. **It is unjustifiable to raise the sport harvest limit when the expected returning numbers of fish are still lower than ODFW goals.** The spawner return forecast estimates published by ODFW do not have an error value, which casts further doubt on the reliability of the predictions. In the June 2010- May 2011 progress report submitted by the Coastal Chinook Research and Monitoring Project the principal investigators said:

“In recent years all three NOC indicator stocks have failed to meet escapement goals, but none as dramatically as the failure in the Siletz. There is potential for the Siletz, and other stocks within the NOC to trigger additional management action in AABM fisheries, as well as ISBM fisheries under Chapter 13 of the newly negotiated Chinook salmon agreement, given repeated systematic failures of this aggregate’s production.”

During the public comment meeting in Newport on April 27th the most verbal crowd for increasing the bag limit was the fishing guide community, presumably because they want to secure clients for the coming season. The members of the Siletz Watershed Council all understand the positive economic impact a healthy fishing season can bring to our region,

but increased traffic on certain parts of the river can disrupt chances for successful spawning. The majority of watershed council members are fishermen and we all voted that regulating the sport harvest to 1 fish per day/5 per year is the most responsible management practice and still provides good angler opportunity for the 2011 fall chinook fishery on the Siletz River.

Deadline

It is absolutely crucial to have the deadline moved down to **Ojalla Bridge at river mile 31** to protect vital spawning habitat. Brian Riggers (ODFW) was quoted saying, "37% of main stem spawning took place below Mill Park in 2010" and this number has been as high as 50% in past years. Protecting these spawning fish and their habitat is imperative to ensuring good escapement. The Alsea and Yaquina Rivers are comparable basins within the region that both have their deadlines set at river mile 21. Leaving the Siletz deadline at Mill Park (river mile 36) reduces spawning success by fish being caught and released when staging to spawn. Speaking to some of the guides in the area, watershed council members found that less than 10% of fish caught above Ojalla Bridge were even considered for consumption because the fish were of poor eating quality. Yet this stretch of river is still heavily fished by guides even though the captured fish are almost always returned after being stressed. In order to ensure fall chinook returns, we must first protect their spawning habitat.

The SWC feels that Ojalla Bridge is a distinguishable deadline that provides ample accessibility. There is a boat slide along the side of the bridge and parking for 7-9 trucks with trailers on each side of the bridge. There is also more parking available about 1 block south of Ojalla Bridge on Huhutala Rd. which is a dead end gravel road with a turn around .

Coho

The SWC supports the ODFW proposal to harvest 700 coho salmon from the Siletz River this year with the bag limit being 1 fish per day/5 per year. We also feel this is a good supplement to the 1 fish per day/5 per year bag limit for fall chinook.

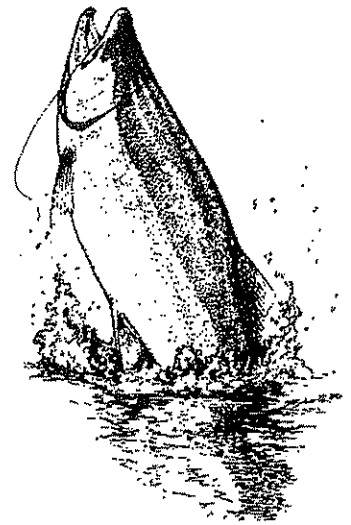
We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. Our recommendations strive to ensure healthy future fall chinook returns in the Siletz basin while balancing economic and natural resources of the watershed. Accurate surveys were not easily completed with adverse conditions and high flows experienced last fall, but we commend the ODFW survey crews for their effort. The SWC looks forward to working with ODFW to help conserve the native fall chinook of the Siletz River, which we consider to be one of Oregon's most precious natural resources. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification on our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Oregon South Coast Fishermen

P. O. Box 2709 • Harbor, OR 97415



May 10, 2011

Marla Rae, Chair
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
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Dear Chair Rae,

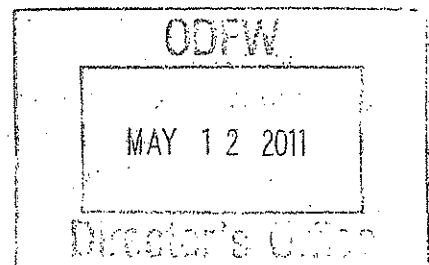
The Oregon South Coast Fishermen requests that the Commission adopt option 2 for the Chetco Terminal Ocean Fishery (Chetco bubble) recreational season, Oct. 1-14, 1 fish per day/ 5 fish for the season, 24 inch minimum size limit, Twin Rocks-OR/CA border, 0-3 miles. While we were disappointed that the Department chose not to accept our initial recommendation of Oct. 1-16, we feel that option 2 presents the best alternative for optimized recreational opportunity for this immensely popular fishery. We note the ODFW forecast of spawner escapement of 5,200 fish and with the harvest for this option of around 750 fish (weather dependant), we feel this option is biologically acceptable as well.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and for your commitment to Oregon's wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Tony Hobbs, President

cc. Roy Elicker, Director



P.O. Box 72
278 Marine Drive
Wheeler, OR 97147



Jim & Margie Neilson
Telephone
503-368-5780

Ed,
These petitions were placed in a few businesses
around the Nehalem Bay area for the last few weeks. I hope
that the Commission will consider the wishes of these
folks as they are making decisions on the salmon regs.
for the Nehalem Basin for 2011.

Thank you

Jim & Margie Neilson

**A Petition to ODFW
Keep the Jaws Closed**

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