

Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting

Public Comment Notes: February 28, 2018

Reminders for planning:

- **Coho:**
 - **OCN Coho Exploitation <15%; with low forecast**
 - **OPI Hatchery Coho up 3x last year's forecast**
 - **Later in summer and further South has lower hatchery coho and higher impact on OCN**
- **Chinook:**
 - **Sacramento fall Chin. forecast at 380K up 150K from 2018**
 - **Klamath fall (age 3) half of 2018 at 168K and Rogue fall down 21%; Klamath fall (age 4) up substantially at 106K**
 - **Columbia tule fall Chin. continues in 38% ER bracket**
 - **Klamath impacts higher S. of Heceta, higher S. of Humbug, also higher in August (July next). Also very high impact rate in March.**
 - **From Sept 1 on, the impacts apply to 2020 seasons. Risk aversion goal in fall fisheries.**
- *Mike S (charter SAS)- Move PFMC hearing somewhere else?*
- *Paul (troller) – prefer to look for alternatives to cutting fins off salmon for management*

Recreational:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - *Lars (charter) – Chinook (all salmon) and bottomfishing: Keep first and then go to all barbless hooks after first Chinook on board. Mike S reply – have to have salmon legal gear from start.*
 - *Ron M (sport) – Allow only one barbless hook during mark selective coho season*
 - *Rubber nets on salmon required, reduces handling mortality*
 - *Dave J (sport) – Support 1 barbless hook regulation during mark select coho season*
 - *Les (sport) - Prefer to keep first 2 fish*
 - *Mike (charter SAS) and Shannon (charter) - Keep salmon open longer to avoid pressure on rockfish –*
 - *Steve G (sport) – 1 per day or 2 fish (5 per season from ocean); 96 responses in a survey he conducted with 2:1 in favor of 1 per day*
 - *Paul (troller) – Concern over mark selective and NMT – killing too many released fish by clipping and tagging*
 - *Mike H (troller) – Experience using 1 hook as a guide in AK, in favor of going to 1 hook rule he did it in AK and saw no reduction in catches and easier to release*
 - *Bob (sport) – not in favor of single hook as regulation*
 - *Les (sport) – When will we hit enough OCN spawners to allow for “regular season”?*

- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Chinook: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?**
 - *Mike S (charter SAS) – yes 40 fathom in October*
 - *Ron M (sport) – agree*
 - *Dave S (sport) - What about a one Chinook limit for both ocean and river?*

- **Coho: Selective – Opening date? (Sat. June 15th? Sat. June 22nd? Sat. June 29th?) Ending date? (Sun. Aug. 4th?, Sun. Aug. 11th?, Sun. Aug. 18th?, Sun. Aug. 25th?, or Sept.?)**
 - *Mike S (charter SAS) – June 29-Aug. 28 open to OR/CA*
 - *Shannon (charter) – second Mike’s recommendation*
 - *Ron M (sport) – agree with Mike’s recommendation*
 - *Bob (sport) – recommends having earlier start to coho (June 22nd) Mike S (charter SAS) – fine with earlier, but made note of prior comments about avoiding the smaller coho*
 - *Radke (sport) – later in June (29) preferred and as long into August as possible (Aug 28)*
 - *Russ G (sport) – Harder to find marked coho late in summer*
 - *(sport) - Considers wasteful practice with mark selective*
 - *Ron M (sport) – not in favor of 1 fish limit (no clip restriction)*

- **Coho: Non Selective – Opening date?**
 - *Mike S. (charter SAS) – Aug. 31-Sept. 30 Fri-Sat each week to Humbug only*
 - *Shannon (charter) – second Mike*
 - *Russ G (sport) – move earlier*
 - *Ron M (sport) - agree with Mike S.*
 - *Steve G (sport) – open for 1-2 non-selective coho in river for season*
 - *Ron M (sport) – Strongly wants a Sept non select coho season, very popular*

- **Humbug to OR/CA**

- **Opening date? Ending date? Match with CA zone?**
 - *Richard (sport SAS) – May 18- Sept 1 for Chinook*
 - *Richard (sport SAS) – Coho selective matched with Falcon to Humbug*
 - *Steve G (sport) – One weekend open for Chetco SW*
 - *Dave K (sport) – Support Richards coho and Chinook proposals*

Commercial Troll:

- **General Regulation Issues?**

- *Barry (troller OSC) – Change rule to allow egg retention without being put on ticket and give away*
- *(troller) – Would like to be able to stack more spreads*
- *Chip (troller) – 4 spreads with 6 wires still results in gear spread throughout water column*
- *(troller) – Concern over additional mortality to coho being taken off lines by sea lions*
- *Henry (troller OSC) – best season possible for trollers – not paid for 4 years due to closures and severe restrictions; not enough trollers to cause any damage to the resource*
- *Kelly (troller) – Week on / week off problem with bad weather on weeks on – any way to roll openings/fish to better weather*
- *Dan F (troller) – Bad weather on minus tides*
- *(troller) – Self-report for days going to fish (limited number of days open per month)*
- *Jeff R (troller OSC) – Have Oregon Salmon Commission look into options for season structure for future*
- *(troller) – Concern over the global warming elephant in the room*
- *(troller) – Concern over short weather windows for smaller boats with ~2 weeks open out of month*
- *Paul M (troller) – Concern over aging fleet*

- **North of Falcon**

- *(troller) – Structure seasons to stay off water when higher tulle impacts, and save some impacts for fall.*

- **Falcon to Humbug**

- *Mike H (troller) – Liked 2018 splits, get more days, May important, July and August important, no*

Florence line, if adding then follow same preferences above; May 1 start

- *Paul M (troller) – agrees with Mike*
 - *Henry (troller OSC) – open at least by April 15; doesn't want 40 fathom line, wants March 15 opening to get more data and fish are high value in March and April, fishery really hurting and need more options, no money except late July and August*
 - *Paul M (troller) – March with GSI data collection process*
 - *(troller) – Like April 15 open, and get March data; Sept – 75-100/week, October 50-75 and no 40 fathom line – close inside 40 fathom*
 - *Dan F (troller) – concern over impacts on Klamath in other areas – open all areas the same – info from Eric (1/8/19 email) showed higher impacts on Klamath in other areas (Newport)*
 - *Mike H (troller) – charter a couple of boats to sample March*
 - *(troller) – March 15, April, and Sept/Oct outside 40 fathoms need more time on the water*
 - *Larry (troller) – don't give up time in July or August to get March*
 - *Barry (troller OSC) – Fishing albacore in July in August, so get early fishing (March and April) in if possible*
- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - *Dan F (troller) – Same seasons with more quota each month and more open days*
 - *(troller) – Rogue bubble, is it possible to get one?*
 - *John F (troller) – 3,500 June, 2,500 July, and 1,200 August – 50/week; hold inspections for any boats coming from CA before fishing in OR – concern over*

2018 CA boats bringing fish back from CA to fill up OR quota

- *Henry (troller OSC) – deliver fish from KMZ to other ports like Charleston*
- *Ray (troller OSC) – quota in KMZ guarantees benefits to zone ports*
- *Mike H (troller) – concern over Klamath tags showing up in Charleston without being reported correctly*

- **Halibut**

- **Quota set – up ~25% from 2018. Set for next 4 years. Scheduled to open April 1 on same rules as 2018: 1 Halibut/2 Chinook + 1 Halibut and 25 Halibut per trip.**

Applications due to IPHC March 15, 2019 for incidental troll

- *(troller) – 2:1 and 30/trip*
- *Larry (troller) – Drop limit to 10 per trip; WA targeting*
- *Paul M (troller) – 10 per trip*