

# **Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting Public Comment Notes: February 27, 2020**

## **Reminders for planning:**

- **Coho:**
  - **OCN Coho Exploitation  $\leq 15\%$ ; with low forecast**
  - **LCN Coho ER  $\leq 18\%$  (marine  $\leq 12\%$ )**
  - **OPI Hatchery Coho 186K (very low)**
  - **Later in summer and further South has lower hatchery coho and higher impact on OCN**
- **Chinook:**
  - **Sacramento fall Chinook forecast at 473K up 94K from 2019**
  - **Klamath fall Chinook (age 4) down from 2019 at 36K and Rogue fall down**
  - **Columbia tule fall Chinook continues in 38% ER bracket**
  - **Klamath impacts higher S. of Heceta, higher S. of Humbug, also higher in August (July next). Very high impact rate in March.**
  - **From Sept. 1 on, the impacts apply to 2021 seasons. Risk aversion goal in fall fisheries.**

## Recreational Season Comments:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
  - *None presented*
- **Falcon to Humbug**
  - **Chinook: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?**
    - **Steve G. -open March 15, important to have the Umpqua mouth open for access to Umpqua spring Chinook since river is closed**
    - **Ron M. – Leave open for Chinook through Oct. 31**
- **Coho: Selective – Opening date? (Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup>? Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup>? Sat. June 27<sup>th</sup>?) Ending date? (Sun. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>?, Sun. Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>?, Sun. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>?, Sun. Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>?, or Sept.?)**
  - **Grant R. - Open June 27 and close Aug. 2**
  - **Steve G. – Keep open as long as possible. Start right before 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Consider no more than one coho.**
  - **Steve M. – Lower coho limit to one, and have it as non-selective in summer**
  - **Mike S. – Season within June 27 to Aug. 23, depending on quota. RE: Opposed to one coho limit: Anglers will keep fishing for Chinook and release lots of coho.**
  - **Ron M. – Set quota at a level to insure room for non-selective coho quota (allows for rollover). Does not want to lose non-selective season in future years.**
  - **Shannon H. – Keep open through July. Give rockfish a break as much as possible. Agree with Mike S and be open and back off as needed to stay within impacts, and help keep pressure off rockfish.**

***Recreational Season Comments (continued)***

- **Coho: Non Selective – Opening date? Days per week? Quota?**
  - **Ron M. – High priority to have in place.(Mike S – will fight for NS in future)**
  - **Russ G – One coho limit**
  - **Mike S. – See what we can do, and have after Labor Day weekend.**
  - **Steve G. – Open after Labor Day weekend. That weekend already busy. Would give up to fish MS longer.**
  - **Grant R. – Open August 29.**
  
- **Humbug to OR/CA**
  - **Opening date? Ending date?**
    - **Chetco Bubble: Will we have it this year?**
    - **Wants to do some fishing... early before Klamath gets there if needed.**

## **Commercial Troll:**

- **General Regulation Issues?**
  - **Joe S. – Allow more spreads per wire S. of Falcon**
  - **Don S. – Concern over model with fleet possibly being modeled at 8 wires per boat.**
  
- **North of Falcon**
  - **Guy - Same as last year.**
  
- **Falcon to Humbug**
  - **Guy – Consider line at South End of Heceta Bank if needed to limit Klamath impacts. Leave Sept and Oct as in 2019 with 75/week.**
  - **Jerry – Days and area adjusted as needed to meet allowed impacts between April 15 and Aug. 29.**
  - **Larry - Open Falcon to Humbug without lines in one alternative. If line make it at Bandon.**
  - **Mike H. – May 1-Aug 15 (priority June and July open); then weekly quota of 100 for rest of Aug; Sept-Oct. 50 per week. Agrees with Bandon line.**
  - **Barry N. – Do whatever to keep it open above Cape Arago. Recommend creating split within Coos Bay Catch Area and getting better data.**
  - **Paul A. – Likes idea of new line at Arago.  
(Comment from Chris that this will require more accounting on fishermen)**
  - **Henry D. – Open seasons when the fish are here.**
  - **Traven -Open April 15; price is good; some years fishing has been good in April**
  
- **Humbug to OR/CA**
  - **Jason - Chetco Bubble? Would like to fish it.**
  - **John F. – If ocean off Chetco (bubble) is closed then close the river as well.**

- **Dan F. – Have open in May. In June, July, Aug:  
Allow non-retention for GSI sample collection if CA  
not able to implement their non-retention sampling  
plan (scales and fin snips).**
- **Halibut (incidental troll):**
  - **Quota same as 2019. Set for next 2 years (total of 4  
years). Scheduled to open April 1 (with any salmon  
openings) on same rules as 2020: 1 Halibut/2  
Chinook + 1 Halibut and 35 Halibut per trip.  
Applications due to IPHC March 15, 2020 for  
incidental troll**
    - **Traven – same seasons as in 2019.**
    - **Jerry R. – may need to be more open for  
halibut with more restricted salmon seasons.**