

Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting

Public Comment Notes: February 28, 2024

Reminders for planning:

- **Coho:**
 - **OCN Coho allowable impact rate $\leq 30\%$ (up from $\leq 20\%$ in 2023)**
 - **OCN forecast of 233K (essentially same as 2023 forecast)**
 - **LCN Coho ER $\leq 23\%$ (marine $\leq 15.3\%$ and same as in 2023)**
 - **OPI Hatchery Coho forecast at 403K (down 493K from 2023 forecast)**
 - **Later in summer and further South typically has lower hatchery coho and higher contact rates on OCN**
- **Chinook:**
 - **Columbia tule fall Chinook 41% allowed total ER (up from 38% in 2023)**
 - **Sacramento fall Chinook forecast at 214K (up 44K over 2023 forecast)**
 - **Klamath fall Chinook:**
 - **age 4 forecast 39.5K (up 12.3K from 2023 forecast)**
 - **age 3 forecast 138.7K (up 63.4K from 2023 forecast)**
 - **Klamath impacts generally higher S. of Heceta, higher S. of Humbug, also higher in August (July next highest).**
 - **From Sept. 1 on the Klamath and Sacramento impacts will apply to 2025 seasons (credit card impacts). Risk aversion has been goal in fall fisheries.**

Recreational Season Comments:

- **General Regulation Issues:**
 - **Steve Godin – Would a 1 hook restriction limit release mortality?**
 - **Richard Heap – Do we get a modeled credit for going to a 1 Chinook limit?**
 - **Erik K – Put in gear restrictions to reduce Chinook contacts like no down riggers, and limitations on divers and weights used.**
- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Chinook: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?**
 - **Russ Glasscock – March 15- mid May, if SRFC/KRFC limit, 1 Chinook limit in Sep., coho season same as 2023**
 - **John Blanchard – March 15 open.**
 - **Steve Godin – 1 Chinook daily bag, 1 wild/NMS coho per day, if wild coho not possible, 1 hatchery coho. March 15 open.**
 - **Brian McLachlan – Keep March – May open, mark selective if needed. May 16 season consider Chinook retention in an alternative. Consider mark selective Chinook fishery. Consider spring Tillamook bubble, 40 fathom management line.**
 - **Walter Chuck – Full season. March – May fishery 2 Chinook per day. Closed until coho opens with 2 Chinook per day and through October.**
 - **Ron Mason – No reason for 1 Chinook bag limit, 2 Chinook bag would work. Full season if possible, September retention open.**
 - **John Blanchard – Agree with Steve Godin, high wild release is wasteful. Consider keeping first fish kept, even with a truncated season.**
 - **Bob Buckman – Support what Walter Chuck suggested. March – May fishery 2 Chinook per day.**

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- **Russ Glasscock – No MS Chinook**
 - **Ray Monroe – Model summer period, 2 coho non selective**
 - **Mike Sorenson – We have modeled 2 coho NMS, limits time on the water.**
- **Coho: Mark Selective – Opening date? (6/15, 6/22, 6/29, or ?) Ending date? (7/31, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, or ?)**
 - **Russ Glasscock - Same as last year**
 - **Coho: Non-Selective – Opening date? (8/31, 9/1, or ?)**
 - **Grant Radke – MS season to Aug 18, then NMS shifted to 2 weeks earlier**
 - **Bob Buckman – Similar to last year, summer MS, September NMS, but have NMS when hatchery population is highest to minimize OCN impacts**
 - **Russ Glasscock – No break between MS and NMS season.**
 - **Mike Sorenson – Try to open early so coast has opportunity to fish on NM fish**
- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - **Chinook: Opening date? Ending date? Other options?**
 - **Richard Heap – Full season, plan 4th of July open and as many days in July as impacts allow. If further impacts late June and early Aug.**
 - **Dave Keen – July 4th go as far as possible. June 22 open and into July or further**
 - **Coho: Mark Selective opening (yes/no?) date?**
 - **2 salmon limit marked coho and/or Chinook**
 - **Do with what central coast does**

Commercial Troll:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Patrick Roelle - Ask for 5 spreads**
 - **Ross Orr - OR's share of quota in north coast much less than WA.**

- **Falcon to Humbug:**
 - **Chinook Seasons:**
 - **Wilson – full season on South coast (Florence south) for a few years and then reconsider. No short openings**
 - **Patrick Roelle – March 15 – May 31 opener spring troll, because high value, in reach, insurance, not large Klam and Sac. impacts**
 - **Eli – Opportunity to fish spring – summer seasons (Falcon to Humbug)**
 - **Dan Fraser – Open whole coast to June 1.**
 - **Mike Dixon – if open for NMS coho no spread limitation**
 - **Wilson - Open Falcon to OR/CA border, even if limit to keep open.**
 - **Andy Shortman – March 15 – September 30 no limits.**
 - **Conrad Gowell – 1 of the 3 alternatives should evaluate the potential impacts if OR coast wild Chinook are listed under the ESA**
 - **Wesley Lodge – If impacts to Klam and Sac are low, should have a full season. If have to close, close June – Aug. Keep open in Spring**