

Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting Public Comment Notes: February 25, 2021

Reminders for planning:

- **Coho:**
 - **OCN Coho Exploitation $\leq 15\%$; with medium-low forecast at 125 K**
 - **LCN Coho ER $\leq 30\%$ (marine $\leq 20\%$)**
 - **OPI Hatchery Coho 1.6 M (very high)**
 - **Later in summer and further South has lower hatchery coho and higher impact on OCN**
- **Chinook:**
 - **Sacramento fall Chinook forecast at 271K down 202K from 2020**
 - **Klamath fall Chinook age 4 up 8.9K from 2020 at 45.1K, and age 3 down 14K from 2020 at 135.6K**
 - **Columbia tule fall Chinook continues at 38% ER**
 - **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 2022 seasons. Risk aversion goal in fall fisheries.**

Recreational Season Comments:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Question on impact changes to Chinook if there is a three salmon limit with no more than 2 Chinook in daily limit? Richard Heap**
 - **Concern over legislative concept to eliminate use of lead weights in fishery, would like PFMC to make a statement on that; would have a drastic impact on industry and little impact from fishery on lead levels – Mike Sorensen (Comment from Richard Heap on how Council is prohibited from lobbying, but could respond to questions if asked by a legislator)**
- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Chinook: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?**
 - **March 15 to October 31 – Mike Sorensen + Ron Mason**
 - **Coho: Mark Selective – Opening date? (Sat. June 12th? Sat. June 19th? Sat. June 26th?)**
Ending date? (Sun. Aug. 15th?, Sun. Aug. 22rd?, Sun. Aug. 29th?, or Sept.?)
 - **June 26 to Aug 22 or Aug 29 – Frank – fishes out of Garibaldi and no fish available earlier than end of June**
 - **Wants to make sure that we don't burn through all the impacts before fish show up on North Coast - Brian McLoughlin (Garibaldi)**
 - **Would like a bubble coho season off Tillamook and Nehalem to allow hatchery coho retention in fall - Brian McLoughlin**
 - **June 12 or June 19 start to be more equitable along the coast; then close August 22; open to OR/CA border; 140-160K quota – Mike Sorensen**

- **Have 3 salmon limit in July only and no more than 1 Chinook in limit; end Aug. 22; no opening earlier than June 26th - Grant Radke – P.C.**
 - **Open June 12 through August 28 (possibly into early Sept.) also likes 3 fish limit with only 1 Chinook – Steve Godin**
 - **June 26 open through Aug. 15, only 2 fish limit and doesn't want a reduced Chinook bag limit – Ron Mason + Dave Grigsby**
- **Coho: Non-Selective – Opening date? Days per week? Quota?**
 - **Open September 11th – Frank**
 - **Prefer to start non-select Sept. 11th away from the holiday to extend the season – Dave Grigsby**
 - **Sept. 11-12 first opening; 8-12K quota plus rollover from mark selective - Mike Sorensen**
 - **Open Sept. 11 for a three-day opening – Steve Godin**
 - **At least enough quota for minimum of 4 open days over at least 2 weekends (9-10K) – Ron Mason + Dave Grigsby**
- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - **Chinook: Opening date? Ending date? Other options?**
 - **June 26-Aug 8 – initial target dates for season – Richard Heap**
 - **Coho: Mark Selective opening?**
 - **Yes, June 26-Aug 22 - Richard Heap**

Commercial Troll:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Concern over legislative concept to eliminate use of lead weights in fishery, would like PFMC to make a statement on that; would have a drastic impact on industry and little impact from fishery on lead levels – Kevin (Comment from Richard Heap on how Council is prohibited from lobbying, but could respond to questions if asked by a legislator)**
 - **Concern over predators (sea lions) and fish farms in upper Columbia – Paul Alexander**

- **North of Falcon**
 - **Focus coho retention in Falcon to Leadbetter area over areas further North due to reduced impact on WA coastal stocks; 150+ coho per week if possible - Paul Alexander + Traven Lutz**

- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Allow retention of marked coho during August and all coho during September during all troll open days; with quota of 4K-5K for two months combined; establish trip or daily limit i.e. 1:1 coho per Chinook or ??? - Darus Peak**
 - **Likes proposal for coho as above – Wilson (South of Coos Bay)**
 - **20 coho per trip and 1:1 ratio; want to get through August; have to recalculate for September with a non-select season – Mark Newell**
 - **Alt. 1 - Similar season as last year; Alt 2 – Maintain season except delay season opening to June 14 (pairs up with directed halibut season); Alt 3 – Delay to season June 14 Tues-Sat, mandatory call-in within 12 hours of landing; adjust opening inseason if landings outside of expectations – Kevin**

- **Wants season to open in early April – Wilson (for Alt 1) + Traven Lutz + Paul Alexander**
- **Don't delay until June until absolutely necessary - Joe Salvey**
- **Keep March 15 opener as a place holder for future seasons – Paul Alexander + Wilson**
- **Sport and commercial seasons should be the same for Chinook; in disaster mode and need more time on the water; don't blame the commercial fishermen when other issues are behind the problem (predators, tire preservatives, etc.) – Henry D + Wilson likes concept of 3/15-10/31 with no closures**

- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - **Keep March 15; Open April 15 through May without quota; quotas in June = 1,200, July = 1,000, August = 300 – Dan Fraser + Wilson**
 - **Want to be able to keep some coho – Wilson**
 - **Happy with last year's season; and 40 fish per week and impact neutral rollovers - Mark Newell for Jim Day**

- **Halibut (incidental troll):**
 - **Quota essentially the same as 2020 (up 299 lbs). Scheduled to open April 1 (with any salmon openings) on same rules as start of 2020: 1 Halibut/2 Chinook + 1 Halibut and 35 Halibut per trip.**
 - **Applications due to IPHC March 15, 2021 for incidental troll**
 - **Same as last year - Traven Lutz + Wilson (plans to fish directed this year on one boat, and incidental on another boat) + Darus but dependent on WA fisheries**
 - **WA trollers also looking at same plan - Joel K**