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Ocean Terminal Fisheries

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Public Correspondence received as of
September 11, 2023

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Kenneth Nakazawa <fvikura@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:05 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Written Comment for "2023 Ocean Terminal Salmon Fisheries" at Sept. 15 Commission Meeting

Categories: Fish

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Commissioners,

I am a Port Orford resident and commercial salmon troller who participates in the Elk River commercial bubble fishery. As you know, this hasn't occurred since 2018, and I strongly urge the commission to adopt a season this year.

Salmon seasons are set based on population status and abundance levels. Simply put, if abundance forecasts are high enough we should have a season. With a forecasted 1900+ Elk and 3000+ Sixes fish, an estimated 300 wild fish(600total/2) impacts from a commercial Elk bubble equates to a very low exploitation rate. We catch both Sixes and Elk river fish below Cape Blanco, so the impacts to Elk River fish are probably <300. At the same time we are catching 300+ hatchery origin spawners which the state wants harvested. The numbers show that wild fish impacts are low; the bubble fisheries should be implemented.

This industry is barely surviving and the troll fleet needs all the access it can get. Every little bit of access, no matter how small it seems is desperately needed by trollers. Every year it seems, the troll fleet gets less and less time on the water. The Elk River bubble used to go until Dec. 15. It was then cut back until November 30. Limits were set to 20/day. There were no bubble fisheries from 2018-present and this year's season might be for 10/day. How much more can can be cut before salmon trolling is no longer a viable industry?

With the complete closure this year of the spring and summer salmon troll fisheries from Cape Falcon to the US/Mexico boarder, the family owned boats that comprise the majority of the salmon troll fleet are struggling against these severe adverse economic headwinds. The Elk River bubble fishery helps the boats that participate make ends meet every year. Another closure this year of the Elk River bubble will have severe adverse affects on the small businesses that comprise the salmon troll fleet, the processors, and the businesses that support these boats.

Thank you,
Kenny Nakazawa
F/V Ikura
Port Orford, OR

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Aaron Longton <aaron@posustainableseafood.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 8:12 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Elk fishery

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I approve of the proposed Elk River bubble fishery.

Thanks Aaron Longton, commissioner

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Orion Ashdown <paiute7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 8:53 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Elk river terminal fishery

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To whom it may concern. My name is Orion Ashdown I am a commercial fisher out of port Orford oregon I own and represent 5 vessels that fish out of port Orford. The elk river bubble fishery is a integral part of our lives and benefits our entire harbor and town. It only makes complete sense scientifically, socially, economically to keep this fishery open and promote this bubble fishery as a role model for other healthy systems so that we don't lose our current salmon fleet and future generations that want to salmon troll out of port Orford. Sincerely, Orion

Sent from my iPhone

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Trish Coon <trish-coon@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 8:44 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Elk River Bubble Fishery

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Commissioners,

Just wanted to write to you to support the department in reopening the Elk River bubble fishery. The numbers of wild fish have increased nicely the last few years. I want to emphasize that this fishery is comprised of mostly small wooden boats that put in and out at the Port Orford hoist. This fishery is very important to me and others because it's the last fishery of the season going into winter. We were promised that when the numbers of fish bounced back that we would get the fishery back. Thank you for your time.

Jim Coon Port Orford Commercial Fisherman

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Ed Milligan <edsboatshop@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 9:07 AM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Elk and Sixes river 2023 bubble fishery

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I am writing this email in support of the reopening of the Elk and Sixes river bubble fishery for 2023 and in the future as long as stocks remain healthy.

Sincerely, Ed Milligan F/V Hot Trevally

EMERSON Steven C * ODFW

From: Peter <peterevans53@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:15 PM
To: ODFW Commission * ODFW
Subject: Fwd: Written Comment for "2023 Ocean Terminal Salmon Fisheries" at Sept. 15 Commission Meeting

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Commissioners,

My name is Pete Evans. I am a commercial salmon troller who lives in Washington state but fishes the Oregon waters each season. I look forward to coming to Port Orford each fall. The local community welcomes us with open arms and we do our part by participating in the local economy at the port and in the community.

I am writing to earnestly implore the commission to proceed with the adoption of a salmon trolling season.

My fellow trollers and I firmly believe that there exists no compelling rationale to forego this year's season. The determination of salmon seasons hinges upon assessments of population status and abundance levels. When these forecasts indicate substantial abundance, there should be no undue threat to our season's viability. Presently, forecasts indicate an abundance of over 3,000 Sixes River salmon, complemented by an additional 1,900 from Elk River. It is worth noting that our activities primarily target Elk River fish downstream of Cape Blanco, thereby minimizing our impact on Elk River's population.

Our industry is hanging on by a thread as it is, and we can not afford to lose a season when there is no valid argument for it. Each year we get less and less time on the water. There are instances where this is justified, but this is not one of them.

This year's complete suspension of the spring and summer salmon troll fisheries from Cape Falcon to the border has placed the family-owned vessels, constituting the majority of the salmon troll fleet, in an economically precarious position. The Elk River bubble fishery stands as a critical source of income for these participating vessels, playing a pivotal role in their financial sustainability. The closure of the Elk River bubble fishery would have severe repercussions not only for the small businesses operating within the salmon troll fleet but also for the processors and the auxiliary enterprises that provide essential support to these vessels.

The decision to proceed with the 2023 salmon trolling season holds profound significance for our industry, the local economy, and the livelihoods of those involved. I trust that you will give due weight to the reasons presented herein.

Thank you,

Pete Evans
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Vancouver, WA