

Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting Public Comment Notes: February 27, 2023

Reminders for planning:

- **Coho:**
 - **OCN Coho allowable impact rate $\leq 20\%$; with forecast of 239K**
 - **LCN Coho ER $\leq 23\%$ (marine $\leq 15.3\%$)**
 - **OPI Hatchery Coho forecast at 897K**
 - **Later in summer and further South typically has lower hatchery coho and higher impact on OCN**
- **Chinook:**
 - **Columbia tule fall Chinook 38% allowed total ER (same as 2022)**
 - **Sacramento fall Chinook forecast at 169.8K (down 226.7K from 2022 forecast of 396.5K). The 2023 forecast abundance is less than the 2022 spawning escapement guidance of 180K.**
 - **Klamath fall Chinook:**
 - **age 4 forecast 27.2K (down 16K from 2022 forecast)**
 - **age 3 forecast at 75.3K (down 79.7K from 2022 forecast)**
 - **Will be under a more limiting Klamath Control Rule of 10% total impacts in 2023.**
 - **Klamath impacts generally higher S. of Heceta, higher S. of Humbug, also higher in August (July next highest).**
 - **From Sept. 1 on, the Klamath impacts will apply to 2024 seasons (credit card impacts). Risk aversion has been goal in fall fisheries.**

Recreational Season Comments:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Chet: Coho abundance higher. Tillamook to Waldport. Reduce to 1 per day and 5 per season Chinook and 1 per day and 2 per season FW coho**
- **North of Cape Falcon:**
 - **Long Beach, WA closure?**
 - **One Chinook bag limit?**
 - **Suggest closure off Longbeach was good last year. Start at beginning of season to preclude chance of shutdown.**
- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Chinook?: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?**
 - **Dan Fraser: Mandatory reporting of salmon catch and transfer of salmon heads to ODFW**
 - **One Chinook bag limit?**
 - **Brian McLachlan: Open as many days as possible. Bubble fisheries, zones to reduce impacts.**
 - **Ron Mason: Get most days possible, weather issues for small recreational boats. Go with 1 hook rule to reduce impacts from released fish. Conduct new research on hooking mortality.**
 - **Walter Chuck: Full Chinook season. If cut days, later in the summer. Keep coho open later.**
 - **Mike Sorensen: Will figure out best three alternatives possible at Council. Not sure that a full season will be possible for Chinook.**
 - **Russ Glasscock: One Chinook option. Keep March 15 opener.**
 - **Steve Godin: CA catching too many spawners. Have bubbles for rivers that can sustain fisheries. Go to 1 fish limit if needed.**

- **Bob Buckman:** Lot of fin clipped Chinook last year, is it possible to have fin-clip only retention during coho openings if otherwise closed?
- **Coho: Mark Selective – Opening date? Ending date?**
 - **Mike Sorensen:** 6/17-latest possible
 - **Brian McLachlan:** Have hit right balance for open dates in recent years. Have something open. Leave enough coho to have meaningful inside coho seasons in the fall.
 - **Steve Godin:** Long as we can.
 - **Steve Smith:** Give up earlier seasons. Start Chinook in June
 - **Ron Mason:** Start early in June and go through August.
 - **Make sure to have coho seasons first, then Chinook for directed seasons if possible.**
 - **Frank:** Start 6/17 and through late August.
 - **Russ Glasscock:** Open all of May through August.
 - **Ron:** Agrees with making sure to have Chinook to access coho season.
- **Coho: Non-Selective – Opening date?**
 - **Mike Sorensen:** Sept. 1-30 or quota.
 - **Steve Godin:** If not enough quota, delay until after Labor Day.
 - **Ron Mason:** Start Sept. 1 for non-select, and go until quota met.
 - **Frank:** Use rollover from MS season and make sure enough quota.
 - **Russ Glasscock:** Have regular NS in September

- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - **Chinook: Opening date? Ending date? Other options?**
 - **Dave Keene: Priority 1 to get coho. Late season bubble.**
 - **Richard Heap: Focus on weeks of lowest impacts.**
 - **Coho: Mark Selective opening (yes/no?) date?**
 - **Richard Heap: Keep zone open when rest of Oregon open. If not enough Chinook impacts, then make cuts to zone.**

Commercial Troll:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Ross: 4 spreads per wire? Why, hard to find fish at in deep water.**

- **North of Falcon**
 - **Ross: Go with larger weekly limits. 75-100 per week. Too expensive with low limits.**
 - **Henry deRondenPos: Want to see subarea cap go away. Not many boats fishing from Oregon.**
 - **Need higher trip limits. Two week limit.**

- **Falcon to Humbug?**
 - **Chinook Seasons?:**
 - **Open periods: More with short openings (3-5 days) or fewer with longer openings (6-12 days)?**
 - **Revise 4 spread rule for this area.**
 - **Avoid having opening on other fishery openings, prefers shorter openings. Like to see same length limits in all states.**
 - **Jeff Reeves: Allow N. of Falcon boats to land as far south at Newport if closed in the area.**
 - **Guy Lutz: Keep Sept and Oct**
 - **Joe Salvey: Add Tillamook bubble.**

- **Humbug to OR/CA?**
 - **Quotas and weekly or trip limits in June, July, and/or August?**
 - **Dan Fraser: March and April. Not much fish in August last year.**

- **Halibut (incidental troll):**

- **Quota essentially the same as 2022. Scheduled to open April 1 (with any salmon openings) on same rules as start of 2022: 1 Halibut/2 Chinook + 1 Halibut and 35 Halibut per trip. Applications due to NMFS March 1, 2023 for incidental troll permits**
 - **Dan F: Can ODFW ask Council to allow incidental to switch to directed as seasons may not occur.**