

Supplemental Staff Report for Exhibit B:
Additions and clarifications to briefing materials

Several new developments occurred after the briefing packet was mailed out. These are primarily related to the adopted season that contains no PFMC commercial troll fisheries in October 2015. October closures have not occurred in the last few years, and when they do occur, the Department generally recommends modifications to state-waters fisheries to provide some continued harvest opportunity in state waters during October. Sport fisheries are slated to occur through October 31 under existing PFMC regulations.

There are also two changes for the Chetco fisheries from the original briefing packet: one error correction and one change recommended by the District.

Tillamook Ocean State Waters Commercial Fishery

This issue was not discussed in the original briefing materials.

In recent years, commercial troll fishing has been open through October 31 for the central coast area. In the 2015 PFMC adopted seasons, there is no October season for troll, in order to conserve on impacts to California Coastal Chinook. In past years, when this has occurred, the Tillamook State Waters area has usually been opened. Catches in this area are low but it does provide some opportunity for commercial troll.

This area is open for sport Chinook through October 31.

Elk River Ocean Terminal Fishery

This fishery was proposed in the original briefing materials, but with a later starting date.

In response to the coastwide closure of commercial troll in October, the Department is proposing to extend the traditional commercial troll terminal season 2 weeks earlier, with the same season and bag limit and landing limit regulations for 2015.

No changes to the sport OARs for the Elk terminal area are necessary if the Commission adopts the staff recommendation.

Chetco River Ocean Terminal Fishery

The original briefing materials contained an error. The quota for the commercial troll fishery in 2014 was 600 fish, not 750 as stated (750 was the 2013 quota). The same 600 fish quota is intended for 2015.

For the sport fishery, District staff have requested a change from 2014 regulations to open the fishery from October 1-11 (2014 was Oct. 1-12). This season would be consistent with the normal strategy of opening the sport fishery for two full weekends and is consistent with an expected catch of about 600 Chinook. The remainder of the sport rules are identical to 2014.

The revised proposals for the sport and commercial fisheries in the Chetco are:

- Recreational October 1-11. Daily bag limit of two Chinook, but only one may be non-fin clipped. A season (Oct. 1-11) limit of five non-fin clipped Chinook and 24-inch minimum length.
- Commercial - October 12 through the earlier of October 31 or a 600 Chinook quota, with a daily landing and possession limit of 20 per day and a 28 inch minimum length.

For the sport fishery, OAR revisions to 635-013-0007 are necessary to reflect the change in ending date. The only change necessary for the Chetco commercial OAR 635-003-0085(2) is to correct errors in numbering.