Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting
Public Comment Notes: February 27, 2020

Reminders for planning:

- **Coho:**
  - OCN Coho Exploitation \( \leq 15\% \); with low forecast
  - LCN Coho ER \( \leq 18\% \) (marine \( \leq 12\% \))
  - OPI Hatchery Coho 186K (very low)
  - Later in summer and further South has lower hatchery coho and higher impact on OCN

- **Chinook:**
  - Sacramento fall Chinook forecast at 473K up 94K from 2019
  - Klamath fall Chinook (age 4) down from 2019 at 36K and Rogue fall down
  - Columbia tule fall Chinook continues in 38% ER bracket
  - 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 2021 seasons. Risk aversion goal in fall fisheries.
Recreational Season Comments:

• General Regulation Issues?
  o None presented

• Falcon to Humbug
  o Chinook: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?
    ▪ Steve G. - open March 15, important to have the Umpqua mouth open for access to Umpqua spring Chinook since river is closed
    ▪ Ron M. – Leave open for Chinook through Oct. 31

    ▪ Grant R. - Open June 27 and close Aug. 2
    ▪ Steve G. – Keep open as long as possible. Start right before 4th of July. Consider no more than one coho.
    ▪ Steve M. – Lower coho limit to one, and have it as non-selective in summer
    ▪ Mike S. – Season within June 27 to Aug. 23, depending on quota. RE: Opposed to one coho limit: Anglers will keep fishing for Chinook and release lots of coho.
    ▪ Ron M. – Set quota at a level to insure room for non-selective coho quota (allows for rollover). Does not want to lose non-selective season in future years.
    ▪ Shannon H. – Keep open through July. Give rockfish a break as much as possible. Agree with Mike S and be open and back off as needed to stay within impacts, and help keep pressure off rockfish.
Recreational Season Comments (continued)

- **Coho: Non Selective – Opening date? Days per week? Quota?**
  - Ron M. – High priority to have in place. (Mike S – will fight for NS in future)
  - Russ G – One coho limit
  - Mike S. – See what we can do, and have after Labor Day weekend.
  - Steve G. – Open after Labor Day weekend. That weekend already busy. Would give up to fish MS longer.
  - Grant R. – Open August 29.

- **Humbug to OR/CA**
  - **Opening date? Ending date?**
    - Chetco Bubble: Will we have it this year?
    - Wants to do some fishing… early before Klamath gets there if needed.
Commercial Troll:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
  - Joe S. – Allow more spreads per wire S. of Falcon
  - Don S. – Concern over model with fleet possibly being modeled at 8 wires per boat.

- **North of Falcon**
  - Guy - Same as last year.

- **Falcon to Humbug**
  - Guy – Consider line at South End of Heceta Bank if needed to limit Klamath impacts. Leave Sept and Oct as in 2019 with 75/week.
  - Jerry – Days and area adjusted as needed to meet allowed impacts between April 15 and Aug. 29.
  - Larry - Open Falcon to Humbug without lines in one alternative. If line make it at Bandon.
  - Mike H. – May 1-Aug 15 (priority June and July open); then weekly quota of 100 for rest of Aug; Sept-Oct. 50 per week. Agrees with Bandon line.
  - Barry N. – Do whatever to keep it open above Cape Arago. Recommend creating split within Coos Bay Catch Area and getting better data.
  - Paul A. – Likes idea of new line at Arago. (Comment from Chris that this will require more accounting on fishermen)
  - Henry D. – Open seasons when the fish are here.
  - Traven -Open April 15; price is good; some years fishing has been good in April

- **Humbug to OR/CA**
  - Jason - Chetco Bubble? Would like to fish it.
  - John F. – If ocean off Chetco (bubble) is closed then close the river as well.
Dan F. – Have open in May. In June, July, Aug: Allow non-retention for GSI sample collection if CA not able to implement their non-retention sampling plan (scales and fin snips).

- Halibut (incidental troll):
  - Quota same as 2019. Set for next 2 years (total of 4 years). Scheduled to open April 1 (with any salmon openings) on same rules as 2020: 1 Halibut/2 Chinook + 1 Halibut and 35 Halibut per trip. Applications due to IPHC March 15, 2020 for incidental troll
    - Traven – same seasons as in 2019.
    - Jerry R. – may need to be more open for halibut with more restricted salmon seasons.