

Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting Public Comment Notes: February 28, 2022

Reminders for planning:

- **Coho:**
 - **OCN Coho allowable impact rate $\leq 15\%$; with strong forecast of 222.4 K**
 - **LCN Coho ER $\leq 23\%$ (marine $\leq 15.3\%$)**
 - **OPI Hatchery Coho forecast at 1.0 M (high)**
 - **Later in summer and further South has lower hatchery coho and higher impact on OCN**
- **Chinook:**
 - **Sacramento fall Chinook forecast at 396.5K up 125.5K from preseason forecast of 271K in 2021**
 - **Klamath fall Chinook age 4 down 1.9K from 2021 at 43.2K, and age 3 up 19.4K from 2021 at 155.0K**
 - **Columbia tule fall Chinook 38% allowed total ER**
 - **Klamath impacts generally higher S. of Heceta, higher S. of Humbug, also higher in August (July next).**
 - **From Sept. 1 on, the impacts apply to 2023 seasons. Risk aversion has been goal in fall fisheries.**

Recreational Season Comments:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Like 1 hook, but no means to provide benefit – Ron Mason; Would limit other seasons to 1 hook like bottomfish – Mike S.**
- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Chinook: March 15 opening? October 31 ending?**
 - **Same as last year (3/15-10/31) – Mike Sorensen**
 - **If any restrictions needed: Go to a 1 fish bag limit – Steve Godin**

Recreational Season Comments (continued)

- **Support 3/15-10/31; no need for restrictions – Brian McLachlan**
 - **Same as above, does not support 1 fish bag – Dave Grigsby**
 - **Agree with above – Ron M.**
- **Coho: Mark Selective – Opening date? (Sat. June 18? Sat. June 25?)**
Ending date? (Sun. Aug. 14?, Sun. Aug. 21?, Sun. Aug. 28?)
- **Dates of above or 7/2 and end on either of the above Aug. dates; likely 120K starting point – Mike S.**
 - **June 18 to August 28 opening – Frank Graber**
 - **June 1-August 28; extend season to allow more fish to be caught (longest season possible) - Steve Godin**
 - **Prefer end date as late as possible in August – Brian McLachlan**
 - **June 18-Aug 28; released lots of coho during season – Dave Grigsby**
 - **Like first two fish option – Jessica**
 - **Same as Mike S.; long as possible; first 2 salmon is a no-no and would have other consequences more pressure on rockfish when season closes early – Ron M.**
 - **Consider option of 3 fish limit (no more than 2 Chinook); restrict back to 2 mid-season as needed – Richard H.**

Recreational Season Comments (continued)

- **Coho: Non-Selective – Opening date? Days per week? Quota?**
 - **Open 9/3 or 9/10 through 9/30 evaluate number of days per week on allowed quota; quota of 25Kish; if need, delay to 9/6 – Mike S.**
 - **Open 9/9 to allow places other than Newport to get some days; quota gone too quick if open Labor Day weekend – Frank Graber (Garibaldi)**
 - **Start after Labor Day 9/6 or 10 – Open 7 days per week if possible; keep open through Oct. 31 – Steve Godin**
 - **Want to leave some fish on the table for inside fisheries; start after Labor Day weekend for non-selective ocean - Brian McLachlan**
 - **9/10-30; allow more fishing in the rivers – Dave Grigsby**
 - **Lots of working people want it opened for Labor Day weekend; if not open Labor Day weekend, then open 9/6; go to every day if possible; make rule change to allow rollover any remaining quota from ocean to bays - Ron M.**

- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - **Chinook: Opening date? Ending date? Other options?**
 - **5/21-8/14 (trim from August); (trim from June) 6/18-8/21; but keep July intact if Klam impacts are consistent lower in July - Richard H.**

Recreational Season Comments (continued)

- **Would like a Chetco bubble opening if possible – Steve Godin**
- **Agree with Richard H on the 5/21-8/14; like to have a Chetco bubble - Dave K.**
- **Coho: Mark Selective opening?**
 - **Go with Falcon to Humbug opening; including coho only if Chinook closed - Richard H.**
 - **Follow the above; okay with coho even if Chinook closed – Dave K.**

Commercial Salmon Troll comments:

- **General Regulation Issues?**
 - **Maybe go to 27” – Jeff Reeves**
 - **Like 28” and 4 spread; want everything including the moon 😊 – Henry**
 - **Keep at 28” – Jerry R.**
 - **Keep 28” if it keeps from losing time on water – Jimmy Oakes**
 - **More spreads per wire – Kelly Barnett (Garibaldi)**
 - **4 spreads keeps you away from coho and lots of benefits – Jerry R.**
 - **Wants more days per week than openings per month; no less than 5 day blocks??? – Jason Prophet**
 - **Question on hatchery Chinook production; wants more chinook in system - Jason**
- **Falcon to Humbug**
 - **Incidental Coho in July and August? (need concurrence from recreational advisors for any season)**
 - **Last year conflict with landing week and open periods, set regs to maximum – Joe Salvey**
 - **Chinook Seasons:**
 - **Length limit?**
 - **Starting dates by zone?**
 - **Open periods: More with short openings (3-5 days) or fewer with longer openings (6-12 days)?**
 - **Wants to be able to fish the days that he can. Maximize freedom – Robert Bryan**
 - **3/15-10/31 same as sport seasons; fish available early in March and early April; concentrate impacts in NO; why not**

Commercial Salmon Troll comments

streamline the March opening decision to get it out earlier – Henry

- **Open 3/15; keep Sept. and Oct. with maybe 100 fish per week; maintain 35 halibut per trip; fight tooth and nail with CA to get the OR share – Guy**
- **March 15-August 28; fine tune as needed later – Jerry R.**
- **Likes more days later in the summer than in early spring – Dan Fraser**
- **If only limited number of days, need to be able to pick which days to go; if limited on open days, then sport don't get to be on the water those days; want bubbles at Chetco and Elk and Garibaldi – Wes**
- **Question on commercial troll federal disaster; need as much opportunity and season since disaster funding has not come in; restrict recreational to get more opportunity to commercial – Albie**
- **Need to fix the Klamath R. and if can't then shut the river down; ruined 3 states fisheries; need more than 3 days per week; full year opener, regulate on weather – too dangerous with short openings; want seasons like in the 60s and 70s April 1 to Oct. 31 as a minimum - Marlin Thorne**
- **Want March and April to access Tillamook area Spring Chinook – Kelly Barnett**

- **March and April very helpful last year – Brett Montegue**
 - **Quotas don't always work base on experience N. of Falcon - Joel Kawahara**
 - **Open March and April; shift small openings into single blocks of time – Kenny**
 - **Open March 15 – Guy and Travis**
 - **Falcon to Heceta March; goal to get more time on the water – Darus**
 - **Effort shift in the model? - Don Snow**
 - **Would prefer larger blocks of time (lump short openings into longer openings) – Dan Fraser**

- **Humbug to OR/CA**
 - **Quotas and weekly or trip limits in June, July, and/or August?**
 - **400 June and 300 July quotas; March-May as in NO – Dan Fraser**

- **Halibut (incidental troll):**
 - **Quota essentially the same as 2021. Scheduled to open April 1 (with any salmon openings) on same rules as start of 2021: 1 Halibut/2 Chinook + 1 Halibut and 35 Halibut per trip.**
 - Applications due to IPHC March 15, 2022 for incidental troll permits**
 - **Same as 2021 – Dan Fraser**
 - **Increase to a 5 free cap – Joel K**
 - **Agree with Joel K – Joe Salvey**