



## Commercial Troll Management Options Adopted by PFMC for non-Indian Ocean Salmon Fisheries, 2010

### A. SEASON OPTION DESCRIPTIONS

#### North of Cape Falcon - Supplemental Management Information

1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 117,000 (non-mark-selective equivalent of 110,000) Chinook and 80,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked).
2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 56,000 Chinook and 12,800 marked coho (including 1,000 incidental contact mortalities).
3. No preseason trade with recreational fishery.

#### U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

· May 1 through earlier of June 30 or 42,000 Chinook quota. Seven days per week (C.1). All salmon except coho (C.7). Cape Flattery, Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, and Columbia Control Zones closed (C.5). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). An inseason conference call will occur when it is projected that 35,000 Chinook have been landed to consider modifying the open period and adding landing and possession limits to extend the fishery through the end of June.

#### U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

· July 1 through earlier of September 14 or 14,000 Chinook preseason quota (C.8) or a landed catch quota of 11,800 marked coho (C.8.d). Open July 1-6, then Friday through Tuesday through July 27, then Saturday through Tuesday thereafter. Landing and possession limit of 150 Chinook and 50 coho per vessel per open period north of Leadbetter Point or 150 Chinook and 50 coho south of Leadbetter Point (C.1). All Salmon except no chum retention north of Cape Alava, Washington in August and September (C.7). All coho must be marked (C.8.d). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Cape Flattery, Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, and Columbia Control Zones closed (C.5). Oregon State regulations require that fishers south of Cape Falcon, OR intending to fish within this area notify Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife before transiting the Cape Falcon, OR line (45°46'00" N. lat.) at the following number: 541-867-0300 Ext. 271. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. Under state law, vessels must report their catch on a state fish receiving ticket. Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing north of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and north of Leadbetter Point. Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point, except that Oregon permitted vessels may also land their fish in Garibaldi, Oregon. Oregon State regulations require all fishers landing salmon into Oregon from any fishery between Leadbetter Point, Washington and Cape Falcon, Oregon must notify ODFW within one hour of delivery or prior to transport away from the port of landing by calling 541-867-0300 Ext. 271. Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, port of landing and location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery. Inseason actions may modify harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.8).

### A. SEASON OPTION DESCRIPTIONS

#### South of Cape Falcon - Supplemental Management Information

1. Sacramento River Basin recreational fishery catch assumption: quota of 8,200 adult Sacramento River fall Chinook (12.6% of the total allowable harvest).
2. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 180,000 adults.
3. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 12,000 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.
4. Klamath tribal allocation: 34,600 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.
5. Klamath River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 40,700 adults.

#### Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

· May 1-July 6, July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, August 1-25 (C.9). All salmon except coho (C.7). All vessels fishing in the area must land their fish in the State of Oregon. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3) and Oregon State regulations for a description of special regulations at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.

· September 1-30 Sufficient impacts to conduct an experimental genetic stock identification study. All salmon must be released in good condition after collection of biological samples.

In 2011, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2011 meeting.

#### Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ)

· May 1-31;

· July 1 through earlier of July 31, or a 1,500 Chinook quota;

· Aug. 1 through earlier of Aug. 31, or a 1,500 Chinook quota (C.9).

All salmon except coho (C.7). Chinook 28 inch total length minimum size limit (B). Prior to June 1, landing and possession limit of 100 Chinook per vessel per calendar week; all vessels fishing in the area must land their fish in the area or Port Orford. July 1 through August 31, landing and possession limit of 30 Chinook per vessel per day and 90 Chinook per vessel per calendar week; all vessels fishing in this area must land and deliver all fish within this area or Port Orford, within 24 hours of any closure in this fishery, and prior to fishing outside of this area. Oregon State regulations require all fishers landing salmon from any quota managed season within this area to notify Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) within 1 hour of delivery or prior to transport away from the port of landing by calling (541) 867-0300 ext. 252. Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, port of landing and location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

### **Humbug Mt. To OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) Continued:**

· June 1-30; September 1-30

Sufficient impacts to conduct an experimental genetic stock identification study. All salmon must be released in good condition after collection of biological samples.

In 2011, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho, with a 28 inch Chinook minimum size limit. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2011 meeting.

### **OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ)**

Closed except for sufficient impacts to conduct an experimental genetic stock identification study May 1 through September 30. All salmon must be released in good condition after collection of biological samples.

### **Humboldt South Jetty to Horse Mt.**

Closed.

### **Horse Mt. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg)**

· July 1-4, 8-11,

· July 15 through the earlier of July 29 or an 18,000 Chinook quota.

· August 1 through the earlier of August 31 or a 9,375 Chinook preseason quota (C.8, C.9).

All salmon except coho (C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B). All vessels fishing in the area must land their fish in the area when the fishery is managed under a quota; all fish must be offloaded within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery (C1). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

· May 1 through June 30; September 1-30

Sufficient impacts to conduct an experimental genetic stock identification study. All salmon must be released in good condition after collection of biological samples.

### **Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico Border**

· July 1-4, 8-11 (C.9).

All salmon except coho (C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

· May 1 through June 30; July 13 through September 30

Sufficient impacts to conduct an experimental genetic stock identification study. All salmon must be released in good condition after collection of biological samples.

### **B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches) (See C.1)**

Area (When open)	Chinook	Chinook	Coho	Coho	Pink
	Total Length	Head-off	Total Length	Head-off	
North of Cape Falcon	28.0	21.5	16.0	12.0	None
Cape Falcon to Horse Mt	28.0	21.5	-	-	None
Horse Mt to U.S./Mexico Border	27.0	20.5	-	-	None

### **C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS**

C.1. Compliance with Minimum Size or Other Special Restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if the area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that has been closed more than 96 hours only if they meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught. Salmon may be landed in an area that has been closed less than 96 hours only if they meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the areas in which they were caught and landed. States may require fish landing/receiving tickets be kept on board the vessel for 90 days after landing to account for all previous salmon landings.

#### **C.2. Gear Restrictions:**

a. Salmon may be taken only by hook and line using single point, single shank, barbless hooks.

b. Cape Falcon, Oregon, to the OR/CA border: No more than 4 spreads are allowed per line.

c. OR/CA border to U.S./Mexico border: No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel, and barbless circle hooks are required when fishing with bait by any means other than trolling.

#### **C.3. Gear Definitions:**

*Trolling defined:* Fishing from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.

*Troll fishing gear defined:* One or more lines that drag hooks behind a moving fishing vessel. In that portion of the fishery management area (FMA) off Oregon and Washington, the line or lines must be affixed to the vessel and must not be intentionally disengaged from the vessel at any time during the fishing operation.

*Spread defined:* A single leader connected to an individual lure or bait.

*Circle hook defined:* A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90° angle.

C.4. Transit Through Closed Areas with Salmon on Board: It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll or recreational gear in the water while transiting any area closed to fishing for a certain species of salmon, while possessing that species of salmon; however, fishing for species other than salmon is not prohibited if the area is open for such species, and no salmon are in possession.

#### **C.5. Control Zone Definitions:**

a. *Cape Flattery Control Zone* - The area from Cape Flattery (48°23'00" N. lat.) to the northern boundary of the U.S. EEZ; and the area from Cape Flattery south to Cape Alava (48°10'00" N. lat.) and east of 125°05'00" W. long.

b. *Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area* - The area in Washington Marine Catch Area 3 from 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°14.00' W. long. to 48°02.00' N. lat.; 125°14.00' W. long. to 48°02.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. and connecting back to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°14.00' W. long.

c. *Columbia Control Zone* - An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. lat., 124°06'50" W. long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09" N. lat., 124°06'16" W. long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. lat., 124°03'07" W. long. to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°15'48" N. lat., 124°05'20" W. long.), and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. lat., 124°04'05" W. long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.

d. *Bandon High Spot Control Zone* - The area west of a line between 43°07'00" N. lat.; 124°37'00" W. long. and 42°40'30" N. lat.; 124°52'00" W. long. extending to the western edge of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

e. *Klamath Control Zone* - The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately six nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west, by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and on the south, by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately six nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).

C.6. Notification When Unsafe Conditions Prevent Compliance with Regulations: If prevented by unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems from meeting special management area landing restrictions, vessels must notify the U.S. Coast Guard and receive acknowledgment of such notification prior to leaving the area. This notification shall include the name of the vessel, port where delivery will be made, approximate amount of salmon (by species) on board, and the estimated time of arrival.

C.7. Incidental Halibut Harvest: During authorized periods, the operator of a vessel that has been issued an incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in Area 2A while trolling for salmon. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length, measured from the tip of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the extreme end of the middle of the tail, and must be landed with the head on. License applications for incidental harvest must be obtained from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (phone: 206-634-1838). Applicants must apply prior to April 1 of each year. Incidental harvest is authorized only during May and June troll seasons and after June 30 if quota remains and if announced on the NMFS hotline (phone: 800-662-9825). ODFW and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will monitor landings. If the landings are projected to exceed the 25,035 pound preseason allocation or the total Area 2A non-Indian commercial halibut allocation, NMFS will take inseason action to prohibit retention of halibut in the non-Indian salmon troll fishery. Beginning May 1, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each three Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip. Pacific halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).

A "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area is an area to be voluntarily avoided for salmon trolling. NMFS and the Council request salmon trollers voluntarily avoid this area in order to protect yelloweye rockfish. The area is defined in the Pacific Council Halibut Catch Sharing Plan in the North Coast subarea (Washington marine area 3), with the following coordinates in the order listed: 48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.; 48°18' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.; 48°11' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.; 48°11' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long.; 48°04' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long.; 48°04' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.; 48°00' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.; 48°00' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.; and connecting back to 48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.

C.8. Inseason Management: In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMFS:

- a. Chinook remaining from the May through June non-Indian commercial troll harvest guideline north of Cape Falcon may be transferred to the July through September harvest guideline on a fishery impact equivalent basis.
- b. NMFS may transfer fish between the recreational and commercial fisheries north of Cape Falcon on a fishery impact equivalent basis if there is agreement among the areas' representatives on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS).
- c. At the March 2011 meeting, the Council will consider inseason recommendations for special regulations for any experimental fisheries (proposals must meet Council protocol and be received in November 2010).
- d. If retention of unmarked coho is permitted by inseason action, the allowable coho quota will be adjusted to ensure preseason projected mortality of critical stocks is not exceeded.
- e. Landing limits may be modified inseason to sustain season length and keep harvest within overall quotas.
- f. Chinook remaining from the Horse Mt. to Point Arena commercial troll quota in July may be transferred to the August preseason quota on a fishery impact equivalent basis.

C.9. State Waters Fisheries: Consistent with Council management objectives:

- a. The State of Oregon may establish additional late-season fisheries in state waters.
- b. The State of California may establish limited fisheries in selected state waters.

Check state regulations for details.

C.10. For the purposes of California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Code, Section 8232.5, the definition of the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) for the ocean salmon season shall be that area from Humbug Mt., Oregon, to Horse Mt., California.

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### **Collaborative Research on Oregon Ocean Salmon (CROOS) Sampling in 2010**

With Oregon commercial salmon fishermen returning to the ocean to fish, the CROOS project will again contract with Oregon fishermen to collect samples and other oceanographic information. In order to participate, you must fill out a W-9 (from the OSC office, or at the training sessions), sign a contract (to be mailed to you, or may be available at the training), attend a training session, and work through the port liaison to receive your kit and know when it is your time to collect samples. Crew members are encouraged to attend to learn the latest protocols for at sea sampling. If you are interested in participating, please contact the OSC office, or attend the training in your area (see schedule below). The deadline to apply is May 15, 2010.

#### **CROOS Training Sessions**

- Mon. 4/26, Newport 9am, Englund Marine
- Tues. 4/27, Brookings 9am Best Western Beachfront Brookings
- Tues. 4/27, Port Orford 3pm POORT office
- Wed. 4/28, Coos Bay 10am Charleston RV Park
- Wed. 4/28, Winchester Bay 1:30pm Bedrocks on the Bay

#### **Thank You**

The OSC would like to thank all those (especially your OSC commissioners and members of the SAS committee) who attended the April PFMC meetings in Portland to set the season you see in this newsletter. They all worked hard suggesting options and then evaluating and modeling these to maximize fishing opportunities while assuring sufficient returns to the rivers.

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