



Klamath River Disaster Relief Program - Remaining Funds

The 2007 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill for NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities was to provide disaster relief for those affected along the coasts of California and Oregon by the 2006 salmon fishery disaster in the Klamath River. "That the National Marine Fisheries Service shall cause such amounts to be distributed among fishing communities, Indian tribes, individuals, small businesses, including fishermen, fish processors, and related businesses, and other persons for assistance to mitigate the economic and other social effects caused by the commercial fisheries failure as determined by the Secretary on August 10, 2006."

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) has a contract with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to disburse the funds for this program. Over \$17 million of Oregon's \$22 million has been distributed among fishermen, fish processors, related businesses and fishing communities (through the safety/maintenance reimbursement).

There will be about \$4-5 million that has not been spent. In order for any of this money to be spent, PSMFC will need to amend the contract with NOAA.

Part of the original terms of the contract, which specified that fishermen would receive 100% of their best year's income of salmon landings (in Oregon south of Cape Falcon) from 2002 through 2006, have been met.

Some possible options for the remaining funds, which have to be spent in the next 5 years are:

- Redistribute immediately the remaining funds to the industry (fishermen, fish processors, and related businesses who qualified for the first distribution)
- Hold part or all of the remaining funds for a future disaster
- Fund research, i.e. disease research on the Klamath
- Distribute some to the industry and some to research
- Hold some and spend some on industry and/or research

The Oregon Salmon Commission (OSC) has an opportunity to make a recommendation to PSMFC, NMFS, and Congressional legislators about the disbursement of the remaining funds.

The commercial salmon fishing industry will be able to provide input to the OSC for their conference call on Friday, February 15, 2008. Please consider the above options and contact

your local Salmon Commissioner or the office with your input. If necessary, leave a message on answer machines.

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OSC Meeting Dates

February 15, 2008 at 9:00 am the OSC will have a conference call to discuss the following agenda items: Oregon Federal Disaster Relief Money - Distribution of Remaining Funds; PFMC Meetings; Tillamook Bubble Fishery; Boston Seafood Show; Approve Out of State Travel; Amend Seafood Oregon Memorandum of Understanding to include education; other business as necessary. Contact the office for more information or if you wish to participate.

March 6, 2008 at 3:30 pm after the OSIG meeting at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport. The agenda items will be to discuss the possible season options and an OSC recommendation to PFMC, and other business as necessary.

Fishermen Things to Do?

Upon reviewing the applications for the Federal Disaster Money, PSMFC came across some issues that caused confusion but are easy to fix.

Is your troll permit in your name only? Consider including your spouse or others on this permit in case something should happen to you. The same should be considered for your vessel.

If you own the permit, make sure that ODFW has you listed as the permit holder, and notify them of any address changes.

If you lease your permit or vessel, have a written document with all involved parties.

If you sold your vessel with the history, have a written document showing this.

These suggestions could provide future clarification.

Attend Marine Reserves Outreach Meetings - Your Comments Are Important

A series of “listening and learning” forums in eight communities up and down the Oregon Coast this month will gather a wide range of interests and viewpoints to explore the issue of marine reserves. The forums are being organized by Oregon Sea Grant at the request of the state’s Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC).

As defined by OPAC, marine reserves are areas of the ocean closed to fishing and other extractive activities in order to conserve marine habitats and biodiversity to provide reference areas for research and monitoring. Gov. Ted Kulongoski has asked OPAC to come up with a set of recommendations for establishing “less than 10 marine reserves – large enough for scientific testing but small enough to avoid economic or social impacts such as the loss of significant fishing opportunities.”

OPAC members asked Sea Grant to conduct the community outreach process because of the program’s 40-year history of engaging with coastal communities on issues as wide-ranging as fisheries management, coastal hazards and regional research planning.

The forums are intended to engage coastal communities and ocean users, share scientific and local knowledge, and show people how they can continue to be involved in the process.

Forums will be moderated by Ginny Goblirsch, a long-time Sea Grant Extension Agent with both professional and personal background in the fishing community.

Scientific background on marine reserves will be presented by Dr. Patty Burke, Marine Resources Manager for ODFW, and Dr. Selina Heppell, a faculty researcher with the OSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Participants will hear “what and why” background about marine reserves, receive copies of material OPAC intends to use to make its recommendations, and meet others with whom they may continue working on the issue after the forums.

Targeted participants include: Commercial, charter, and recreational fishermen; Seafood industry and fishing support services; Port commissioners and managers; Community conservation leaders; Coastal recreation interests; Local government and staff; The public at large

Those planning to attend the two-hour forums are encouraged to prepare in advance by visiting <http://seagrants.oregonstate.edu/outreach/reserves.html> and reading the background documents provided there by OPAC. Print versions of the documents will also be available at the offices of local ports.

All forums are from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm:

- Feb. 18 - North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway, North Bend
- Feb. 20. - Garibaldi City Hall, 107 6th St., Garibaldi
- Feb. 21 - Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport
- Feb. 22 - Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence
- Feb. 26 - Port of Umpqua, 364 N 4th St., Reedsport
- Feb. 27 - Chetco Grange Community Center, 97895 Shopping Center Ave, Harbor
- Feb. 28 - Port Orford City Hall, 555 W 20th, Port Orford
- Feb. 29 - Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW 3rd St, Warrenton

Residents of surrounding communities are encouraged to attend the forum nearest to them.

Sea Grant is under a mid-March OPAC deadline to conduct these and other listening and engagement activities and deliver an interim outreach report to the Governor, OPAC, and state agencies involved in the marine reserves process. One possible outcome could be the formation of local nearshore working groups to further study the issue and, if they choose, nominate areas in their regions as potential marine reserves.

To ensure that your knowledge, ideas and perspectives are considered in the decision-making process, bring written comments to turn in at the forums. Provide reasons and rationale for your comments.

For more information, contact Ginny Goblirsch at 541-737-8002, or by e-mail to marinereserves@oregonstate.edu

Letter to *Tagline* from Paul Merz

The possibility of a non-season faces us again, this time due to a collapse of Chinook stocks as a result of water diversions from the Sacramento/Central Valley system and Delta. When you consider that the California Central Valley stocks annually provide between 60% and 80% of total public (commercial) and private (recreational) harvest for Oregon and California, the 2008 season and future seasons as well, are in jeopardy.

The Klamath has been the stock of concern. Klamath water issues, both quality and quantity, have been the hot button topics for so long that we have somehow neglected to pay attention to the health of the Sacramento which has consistently provided the bread and butter for the West Coast Salmon fisheries since the management induced demise of the Coho fishery. As a point of reference, the entire Klamath reclamation project that irrigates about 175,000 acres diverts about 350,000 acre-feet of water annually. Sacramento diversions are growing yearly and were in the neighborhood of 7,000,000 acre-feet for 2007.

The media hype being created by the Sacramento issue leads to a **warning** for fishermen: The Pro Marine reserve crowd will likely jump on the Sacramento collapse and any resulting harvest restrictions with half truths and pro-reserve propaganda claiming the collapse and ensuing restrictions are an indicator for the need to establish marine reserves. Reality is that marine reserves will have no positive impact on these highly migratory fish. Ocean harvest did not create the problem that led to the Sacramento collapse.

As Salmon fishermen, it’s difficult to understand how Oregon’s Governor and others can expect us to support marine reserves while they are ignoring the destruction and degradation of the fresh water ecosystems that support the resource that supports us.

Do not allow the Salmon industry and resource to become a poster child for marine reserves.

Paul Merz, F/V Joanne, Charleston

Marine Safety & Survival Training Class in Newport

March 5-6: U.S. Coast Guard approved Marine Safety & Survival Training 2-day course for Commercial Fishermen & Marine Researchers (meets requirements for Drill Conductor Course) at Englund Marine Supply in Newport from 7:45 am-6:00 pm. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Class cost is \$20. Contact Patty Mann, Lincoln County Extension Office 541-574-6534.

Help Us Provide You With Timely Information and Updates

Tagline is mailed to Oregon Troll Salmon Permit holders, interested industry individuals, coastal ports, Sea Grant Extension agents, state agencies, and other interested parties. If you would like your name or others you know to be added to the list, please contact the OSC or fill out the form below, cut and send to the office. (Permit holders – if you want your boat skipper and/or crew to receive *Tagline*, please let us know.)

In order to get information to the fleet quickly, we need to know what would be the best way for you to receive this information. Email _____; Flyers to Ports _____; Flyers to Gear Stores (which ones) _____; OSC web site _____; Mail _____
What other locations do you visit for information and updates? _____

The Salmon Commission is building a database of emails for fishermen and others interested in receiving current updates on issues and industry information. These updates will be emailed to each coastal port and other locations suggested above, so that if you don't have email, you can still have access to the information.

Also, to save costs, the OSC would like to send *Tagline* electronically.

Please fill out the form below or email us (njf@class.oregonvos.net) so that we can add you to our email database and begin sending you information and *Tagline* by email.

Name: _____ Email _____

Address: If different from the label on the other side of this *Tagline*. _____

Oregon Seafood & Wine Festival

Seafood Oregon was the major sponsor this year for the Oregon Seafood and Wine Festival (a fundraiser for the Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society) held at the Oregon Convention Center on Feb 1 & 2.

Seafood Oregon focused on the bounty of Oregon's ocean and the value of our fisheries. Our ad in the Portland Tribune helped with this message: "In 2007, Oregon commercial fishermen landed **270,878,164 lbs** of fish and seafood, and together with the state's seafood processors, the industry's contribution to Oregon's coast economy and beyond was in excess of **\$288 million dollars**. Oregon's coastal waters are productive, its fisheries are well-managed and sustainable, and its bounty produces some of the finest seafood to grace a plate from any ocean, anywhere."

We engaged the public in conversations about potential ocean use conflicts with marine reserves and wave energy facilities through our 'Seafood Shuffleboard'. The participant had to use a push broom to slide a frozen crab on a slip-and-slide onto a map of the Oregon coast. In order to win a seafood cocktail, the crab needed to stop on the open ocean without landing on a picture of a marine reserve or wave energy facility, because as we know, we will not be allowed to fish or crab in them either. This visual demonstration caught the attention of the public and allowed us to follow-up with information about our fisheries and issues we are facing.

NOAA Lists Coho

NOAA Fisheries has listed Oregon coast coho salmon as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. Oregon coast Coho have been the subject of debate and litigation almost continuously from the time the agency was first petitioned to list the stock in 1993. This listing will put into place specific ESA protections to prohibit certain activities that harm fish, and the designation of critical habitat. State restrictions on harvest and hatchery operations have been in place for some time and no new restrictions are expected.

Consumer Reports - "Only Buy Wild Salmon in the Summer When the Supply is Abundant"

Recent junk mail to the office included a flyer from Consumer Reports for their guides and magazine. Before tossing it, I noticed a yellow square saying: "Wild" Salmon – When "wild" salmon isn't. It continued, "If you bought fresh wild salmon out of season in winter, you may have paid extra for no reason. We bought 23 supposedly 'wild' salmon fillets: 13 came from salmon farms! That means you may be paying extra for something you're not even getting. **Bottom line – only buy wild salmon in the summer when the supply is abundant.**"

Fishermen Participation Requested

The NANOOS (Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems) (nanoos.org) is looking for fishermen to help provide 'use cases' that describe how a potential user might use the NANOOS web portal. These use cases will be used to test the NANOOS computer system design and will also help them design and develop data and information products that better meet the needs of NANOOS stakeholders. They will provide a hypothetical scenario that will be used to test whether or not the NANOOS computer system is able to accommodate all of the user's needs and requests. Participants will add to and/or edit this document so that it better reflects their current and future needs. If you are interested in more information or becoming a participant, please contact Craig Risien, Oregon State University, 541-737-9682, crisien@coas.oregonstate.edu

People who are interested in what's currently available in terms of ocean observing information can check out the OrCOOS site (<http://agate.coas.oregonstate.edu>). This site not only includes plots of sea surface temperature (SST), chlorophyll, wind, dissolved oxygen data, etc (http://agate.coas.oregonstate.edu/data_index.html) but it also includes 24 and 48 hour forecasts of SST, salinity, surface and bottom currents, which are updated daily (<http://agate.coas.oregonstate.edu/data/ocs.html>).



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2008 Season Calendar Dates

March 6: Ocean Salmon Industry Group (OSIG) Meeting.
Best Western Agate Beach Inn, 3019 N. Coast Highway 101,
Newport (location change) 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Agenda to include:
Review of 2007 Ocean Fisheries & 2007 Salmon Spawner
Escapements; 2008 Coho & Chinook Abundance Forecasts;
Sideboards, Guidelines & Issues affecting 2008 Salmon
Structure; Development of Oregon Preferred 2008 Season
Options for PFMC Process.

March 9-14: PFMC Meeting at Doubletree Hotel
Sacramento (800-222-8733)

March 31: Coos Bay, OR at 7pm – PFMC Public Hearing

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April 1: Eureka, CA at 7pm – PFMC Public Hearing

April 7-12: PFMC Meeting at Seattle Airport Marriott (800-314-0925)

For more information see PFMC's web site at: www.pcouncil.org

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Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG) Available

The 2008 applications are available and due March 31, 2008. VAPG assists independent agricultural producers (including fish) enter into value-added activities (changing the physical state of the product). For more information: www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm or USDA Rural Development, 1201 NE. Lloyd Blvd., Suite 801, Portland, OR 97232-1274, (503) 414-3366.

USCG HF Weather Broadcasts to Continue

Last April the Coast Guard asked for public comment on the need to continue broadcasting high frequency (HF) high seas weather forecasts for single sideband voice, facsimile charts and text messages over radiotelex. The public response overwhelmingly urged the continuation of these services as essential to safety. While the USCG does not have funds necessary to replace all of its HF transmitters, funds are available to replace the 20 transmitters used for weather broadcasts.