

The Oregon Troll Salmon Season Reopens

South of Falcon to Humbug Mountain:

- September 1-23, and
- October 1-31
- All Chinook must be a minimum of 28"
- All vessels fishing in the area must land their fish in the State of Oregon

Humbug Mountain to the Oregon-California Border (Oregon KMZ):

- September 3 through the earlier of September 30, or a 3,000 Chinook quota
- All Chinook must be a minimum of 28"
- Possession and landing limit of 45 fish per day per vessel in September
- Vessels must land their fish in Gold Beach, Port Orford, or Brookings, OR, and within 24 hours of closure.
- State regulations require fishers intending to transport and deliver their catch to other locations after first landing in one of these ports, notify ODFW prior to transport away from the port of landing by calling 541-867-0300 ext. 271, with vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery.

2005 Federal Regulations, West Coast Salmon Fisheries

US/Canada border to Cape Falcon:

• A conference call was held at 9:00 AM Tuesday, August 23, 2005 with representatives of NOAA Fisheries, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and commercial and recreational fishery representatives. The call was to discuss the status of the US/Canada border to Cape Falcon commercial troll salmon fishery. As of August 22, total catch in this fishery was estimated to be 43,700 Chinook out of the 2005 overall troll quota of 43,250 Chinook. There have been a total of 3,430 Coho landed out of the quota of 23,200 fin clipped Coho. The following action was taken:

• The commercial troll salmon fishery in the area between the US/Canada and Cape Falcon will remain closed to all troll salmon fishing.

• Note: There will be an evaluation of the recreational Chinook salmon harvest after Labor Day weekend. If sufficient Chinook remain on the recreational quota to allow for a transfer of fish to the commercial fishery, then there may be consideration of reopening the commercial troll salmon season in this area prior to September 15.

ODFW Action Notice: Commercial Troll Salmon August 23, 2005

If you would like to receive "Action Notices" from ODFW, please send your email address to Eric Schindler of ODFW (Eric.D.Schindler@state.or.us). He would be happy to add your name to his list to receive the notices.

In 2006 from South of Cape Falcon to the Oregon-California border, the season will open March 15, 2006 for all salmon except Coho, with a Chinook minimum size limit of 27" total length.

Samplers Collect Data that is Needed for Good Fishery Management

Commercial trollers in Oregon are familiar with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife samplers or "fish checkers." But some trollers may be a little fuzzy on what these ODFW seasonal employees are looking for and their responsibilities.

"When the samplers meet commercial trollers at the buying stations, they verify the area of the catch and the number of days fished, get a count of the salmon by species, and recover coded wire tags in the salmon snouts," said Eric Schindler, Ocean Salmon Project Leader for ODFW's Marine Resources Program in Newport. "This data is vital for fisheries managers to make the right decisions to maintain a healthy salmon fishery."

State regulations give authority for ODFW employees to examine the catch of commercial fishermen at any time. Two important laws include ORS 506.620 and OAR 635-001-0035. State regulation 506.620 states that: "The State Fish and Wildlife director or authorized agent may enter and inspect all canneries, cold storage houses, packing establishments, business places, boats, fishing gear, and all property used in the taking, processing and packing of food fish, for the purpose of enforcing the commercial fishing law." While OAR 635-001-0035 spells out that, "It is unlawful for any person licensed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to fail to comply with the directions of authorized department personnel related to the collection of sampling data or material from salmon or other food fish, it is also unlawful for any such person to fail to relinquish to the department any part of a salmon or other food fish containing coded-wire tags, including, but not limited to, the snouts of those salmon that are marked by having clipped adipose fins."

"As a courtesy to fishermen, samplers generally will not take the snouts from salmon before they are purchased by the fish buyer," Schindler said. "But, they have the authority to take the snouts and collect all other data related to the commercial harvest at any time."

The Ocean Sampling Project usually hires between 24 and 30 seasonal employees each year to interview boats, inspect the catch, and collect biological information on the fish. Four of these employees are assigned solely to commercial troll sampling and another four split their time between commercial and recreational sampling duties.

"Regulations that require barbless hooks, changes in the length limit, and no more than four spreads per wire increased the number of days trollers can spend on the water by changing impacts on certain salmon stocks," Schindler said. "Many of these rules were proposed by the industry to add fishing opportunity. **If these regulations are not being complied with, then the additional fishing days are not justified.**"

"While the samplers' mission is to gather catch and effort information from the troll fishery, when they run across a violation they can't ignore it," Schindler said. "Samplers are required to follow up on all violations that are observed while on duty." That generally means taking down information about the violations and passing that on to the Oregon State Police Game Enforcement Division. The OSP officer makes the final determination as to whether a citation is appropriate.

"The whole purpose of managing the fishery is to provide the greatest opportunity for Oregon fishers while ensuring healthy fish population for the future," Schindler said. "The best way to do that is to collect accurate information and for trollers to follow the rules."

The Oregon Salmon Commission contributes money each year to fund samplers for the March fishery, providing justification for continuing the March opener.

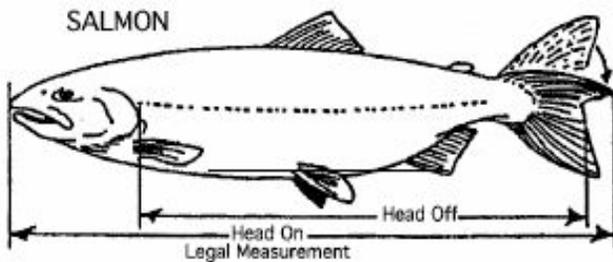
Tagline is mailed to Oregon Troll Salmon Permit holders, interested industry individuals, coastal ports, Sea Grant Extension agents, state agencies and others interested. If you would like your name added to the list, please contact the Salmon Commission.

(Permit holders – if you want your boat skipper and/or crew to receive *Tagline*, let us know.)

Ocean Salmon Hotline

800-662-9825 or 206-526-6667

Measuring Salmon



The length of a salmon is the shortest distance between the tip of the snout or jaw (whichever extends further) and the tip of the longest lobe of the tail when in line with the backbone.

All salmon must be landed with the head on, except heads may be removed from salmon which are to be frozen and will remain frozen until landed and which do not have the adipose fine removed (coded-wire tagged fish). The head-off length of a Chinook (21.5") is the distance between the midpoint of the clavicle arch and the fork of the tail.

ODFW 2005 Synopsis OR Commercial Fishing Regulations

International West Coast Seafood Show

The Salmon Commission will travel to Los Angeles, California for the International West Coast Seafood Show October 9-10, 2005. We will take a "picture perfect" Chinook for display. Those who walk by our booth, stop and look at the "ocean caught wild Chinook." It generates interest and conversation.

Upon return, leads from the show will be sent to our first purchasers.

OHSU Studying Omega-3s

A clinical trial is under way in the Oregon Health Science University's School of Medicine's Department of Neurology to determine whether omega-3 supplementation, in the form of fish oil capsules, improves the therapeutic effects of antidepressants for depression in MS patients. Fish oil, particularly that of cold water fish such as salmon, mackerel, lake trout, and tuna, contain high levels of two kinds of omega-3 fatty acids, and are believed to help improve heart health, reduce blood pressure, improve rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, and aid in cancer prevention.

googlesyndication.com, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005

Remember:

Chinook – minimum length 28"

No more than 4-spreads per wire

A federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled Wednesday, August 24, 2005 that the federal government must increase protections for a Pacific rockfish species (Dark Blotch) whose population has been depleted by overfishing. "The agency can't justify weaker protections for overfished species in order to help the fishing industry economically," said Drew Caputo, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of the plaintiffs.

Even though this is specific to Dark Blotch, it could spill over to other species of rockfish. The West Coast Fishing Industry is maxed out on impacts for Canary and Yellow Eye and **this is why it is imperative that Oregon Trollers continue to fish with the "4-spread rule." The 4-spread rule not only decreases trolling impacts on Coho, but also decreases impacts on rockfish.**

Some Salmon Commission Activities:

- The Oregon Salmon Commission is working with Nick Furman of the Dungeness Crab Commission, the Oregon State Police, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and others to see what can be done about the derelict crab pots that remain in the ocean after the close of the crab season.
- Board of Agriculture Meeting Sept 7 in Newport, to talk about Seafood Oregon and OSC activities
- Monitor Open Ocean Aquaculture federal legislation & participated in Congresswoman Darlene Hooley's roundtable discussion to receive input from the industry

The Oregon Salmon Commission is proud to support our fishing families by awarding a \$500 college scholarship to each of the following students:

Kelsey Anderson, OSU Bend, Business Major
Quillyn Brown, UO, Business Major
Katherine Cameron, U of Ptd, Elec. Engineer Major
Sandra DeLavernge, OSU, Pre-Med
Kristy Gibson, Whitworth College, Music Major
Ellen Goddard, Seattle Univ, Physical Therapy Major

Good Luck & Congratulations to each of these students.



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Watch for:

Oregon Salmon Commission meetings in November (one each in the south coast, Newport, and north coast) to discuss troll permit lotteries and the number of Oregon Salmon Troll permits. The purpose is to get industry input on these issues, and take the consensus forward to the next legislative session for action (if necessary). Information will be coming soon.