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President's Report - Doug Fricke

The 2010 troll salmon season is shaping up with considerably more chinook opportunity than we have seen since 2002. Our total troll opportunity for the Spring and Summer should be in excess of 50,000 chinook for the area North of Cape Falcon. For the first time in many years, the Spring opening will likely run for the entire month of May without landing restrictions or closed days. The coho forecast for 2010 is dramatically reduced from 2009. The allowed coho harvest will be small and limited to marked-select coho. The area South of Cape Falcon will have a limited troll season proposed in all three options. Also, you will notice that the proposed openings South of Cape Falcon coincide with those North of Cape Falcon. Please see the attached options for more details on how the 2010 may be finalized.

Since last season there has been pressure from WDFW and NMFS to move the chinook troll fishery into a marked select fishery that is similar to the marked select coho fishery. The idea is to remove as many of the hatchery fish from the spawning grounds as possible because the hatchery fish straying onto the spawning grounds reduce the ability of the wild salmon to survive. In 2010 the salmon out of the Columbia River hatcheries are going to have a higher percentage clipped adipose fins. This year there are no chinook marked select troll fisheries proposed, but please keep track of the percentage of marked chinook that you catch for future season reference. The WTA Board has evaluated the genetic stock identification program (GSI) and thinks the program might be a long term means to avoid ESA listed stocks. Last year there was a pilot GSI program that indicated potential to help our industry survive. Money is short this year to continue the program, and we may have to wait until 2011 to continue. (Continued Page 2)



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Troll Advisors Report - Jim Olson

This year we have lots of Chinook and vary few coho. With the options that we have put out for public review we have tried to fit a wide range of possibility's.

Do we want to fish wide open or do we want to keep the fish in the market place all season long?

You need to attend your port meeting and let your board members know what you want. The WTA board meeting is an open meeting and I encourage you to attend.

I would like to thank Joel, Doug Frickie, Steve Wilson, Joe Dazy and Dave Parker for all the help and input that they provided at the first PFMC.

President's Report (cont'd)

Again, big thanks to Jim Olson (Our PFMC rep) who led our crew of Joe Dazey, Steve Wilson, Dave Parker and Joel Kawahara at the Sacramento PFMC meeting. We are headed to Portland the second week in April to finalize the 2010 season.

Be sure and come to the port meetings or contact the Board

directly to let your views known on how to best utilize the fish that we have available for 2010.

We hope everyone can make it to a port meeting in your area. Also, if you are around Westport on March 29, at 7 PM, the PFMC will be taking comments on how to manage our fishery.

PFMC Notes - Steve Wilson

The PFMC meeting in Sacramento quickly reminded me what I missed last year: get up early, go to bed late, work quickly and sit around and wait.

Negotiating with our own state fish managers as well as commercial and recreational harvesters from OR and CA is a time-consuming process. At times, it feels like a poker game except this lasts for five days and the Salmon Technical Team holds the jokers. The STT is that group that "runs" the numbers everybody proposes to see if we fall within the federally-mandated exploitation rate (which was 38% on Lower Columbia Tules this year).

As you have already read or heard by now, our season options for Chinook are the best in 7 years, when we took over 66,000 in both '02 and '03. There are several interesting points to highlight.

First, in all 3 options, trollers can work seven days a week beginning May 1st. And July fishers might be able to spend five days a week pulling lines before a "4 on and 3 off" schedule (Sat. thru Tues.) begins in August.

Second, Option 1 allocates $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total allowable catch to the May-June fishery. The 'traditional' 2/3-1/3 split shows up in the other two options.

Third, did you notice that only option 3 has landing limits for the spring? And that limit is not to begin until June 1st? The summer will see a generous limit of between 75 and 150 Chinook.

We are constrained by coho in the summer (weekly limits to range between 50 and 30 marked coho), but I doubt many of us will be trolling coho spoons when kings are abundant. If we opt to protect access to kings by reducing impacts on coho with a plug fishery, 5 inch plugs will be allowed.

The fifth and perhaps most far-reaching point is a recreational marked-select Chinook fishery proposed in their option 1 for June 12-30. This raised the ire of the tribes and frankly, there was little movement after the marked-select fishery was proposed.

Finally, there are no changes to the ling cod allocation (only for those with active VMS units), and we have two halibut options; status quo (one halibut plus one halibut per every 2 Chinook), and one halibut plus one halibut per every 3 Chinook.

Thanks to our team leader Jim Olson, and members Doug Fricke, Joel Kawahara, Joe Dazey, our "rookie" Dave Parker, and myself. And, thanks for trusting us to represent you.



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