

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Ocean Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California; Inseason Adjustment, U.S.-Canadian Border to Carroll Island, WA

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Inseason adjustment.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the possession, landing, and delivery limit in the commercial salmon fishery in the area from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, was increased to 375 coho per opening beginning August 19, 1995. This adjustment is intended to provide additional fishing opportunity to commercial fishermen.

DATES: Effective 0001 hours local time, August 19, 1995, through September 15, 1995. Comments will be accepted through September 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700-Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995), NMFS announced that the 1995 commercial fishery in the area between the U.S.-Canadian border and Carroll Island, WA, would open on August 5 and fishing would follow a cycle of 4 days open and 3 days closed. The fishery would close the earliest of September 15, attainment of the adjusted 25,000 coho salmon quota (60 FR 40302, August 8, 1995), or attainment of the 160,000 pink salmon guideline. Each vessel would be able to possess, land, and deliver no more than 80 coho per open period; this limit was adjusted to 200 coho per open period effective August 12 (60 FR 43984, August 24, 1995).

The best available information on August 17 indicated that commercial

catches through August 15 totaled 9,900 coho salmon and 23,100 pink salmon. The preseason objective for the possession, landing, and delivery limit was to provide commercial fishermen a minimal allowance for coho salmon while providing access to pink salmon. Pink salmon are currently available in the fishery. Increasing the possession, landing, and delivery limit to 375 coho salmon per opening would provide additional fishing opportunity to commercial fishermen by increasing access to coho salmon without exceeding the ocean share allocated to the commercial fishery in this area.

Modification of limited retention regulations is authorized by regulations at 50 CFR 661.21(b)(1)(ii). All other restrictions that apply to this fishery remain in effect as announced in the annual management measures.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding this adjustment. The State of Washington will manage the commercial fishery in State waters adjacent to this area of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. In accordance with the inseason notice procedures of 50 CFR 661.23, actual notice to fishermen of this action was given prior to 0001 hours local time, August 19, 1995, by telephone hotline number (206) 526-6667 or (800) 662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action to provide commercial fishermen with additional fishing opportunity, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this action to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This action does not apply to treaty Indian fisheries or to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

Classification

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 661.21 and 661.23 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 7, 1995.

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Ocean Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California; Closure From Humbug Mountain, OR, to Horse Mountain, CA

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the recreational salmon fishery in the area from Humbug Mountain, OR, to Horse Mountain, CA, was closed at midnight, August 18, 1995, because the recreational quota of 900 chinook salmon for the area had been reached. This action is necessary to conform to the preseason announcement of the 1995 management measures and is intended to ensure conservation of chinook salmon.

DATES: Effective at 2400 hours local time, August 18, 1995, through August 31, 1995. Comments will be accepted through September 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to William Stelle, Jr., Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700-Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; or Hilda Diaz-Soltero, Director, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213. Information relevant to this action has been compiled in aggregate form and is available for public review during business hours at the office of the Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140, or Rodney R. McInnis, 310-980-4030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under regulations at 50 CFR 661.21(a)(1), NMFS will close the commercial or recreational fishery for ocean salmon when the quota has been projected to have been reached.

In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995), NMFS announced that the 1995 recreational fishery in the area between Humbug Mountain, OR, and Horse Mountain, CA, would open on August 16 and continue through August 31 or until attainment of the 900 chinook salmon quota, whichever occurred first.

The best available information on August 17 indicated that, based on the

recreational catch and effort levels for the first 2 days of the fishery, recreational fishing could take place for 3 days without exceeding the quota. A fourth day of fishing would greatly exceed the quota. Therefore, NMFS determined to close the fishery at midnight, August 18.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Fish and Game regarding this closure. The States of Oregon and California will manage the recreational fishery in State waters

adjacent to this area of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. In accordance with the inseason notice procedures of 50 CFR 661.23, actual notice to fishermen of this action was given prior to 2400 hours local time, August 18, 1995, by telephone hotline number (206) 526-6667 and (800) 662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action to conserve chinook salmon, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this action to be issued without affording a prior

opportunity for public comment. This action does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

Classification

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 661.21 and 661.23 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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