

Vessel class		Fishing period limit (lb)	
Length	Letter	Dressed, head-on	Dressed, head-off ¹
0-25	A	225	200
26-30	B	225	200
31-35	C	225	200
36-40	D	530	465
41-45	E	570	500
46-50	F	675	595
51-55	G	755	665
56+	H	1,135	1,000

¹Weights are after 2 percent has been deducted for ice and slime if fish are not washed prior to weighing.

The appropriate vessel length class and letter is printed on each halibut license.

The fishing period limit is shown in terms of dressed, head-off weight as well as dressed, head-on weight, although fishermen are reminded that regulations require that all halibut from Area 2A be landed with the head on.

The fishing period limit applies to the vessel, not the individual fisherman, and any landings over the vessel limit will be subject to forfeiture and fine.

Dated: September 14, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Ocean Salmon Fisheries off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California; Closures From U.S.-Canadian Border to Carroll Island, WA, and from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR

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

ACTION: Closures.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the commercial salmon fishery in the area from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, was closed at 12 midnight, September 3, 1995, and the recreational salmon fishery in the area from Leadbetter Point, WA, to Cape Falcon, OR, was closed at 12 midnight, September 5, 1995. The Director, Northwest Region, NMFS (Regional Director), has determined that the commercial quota of 25,000 coho salmon and the recreational quota of 37,500 coho salmon for the respective areas have been reached. This action is

necessary to conform to the preseason announcement of the 1995 management measures and is intended to ensure conservation of coho salmon.

DATES: Closure from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, effective at 2400 hours local time, September 3, 1995, until the effective date of the 1996 management measures, as published in the Federal Register. Closure from Leadbetter Point, WA, to Cape Falcon, OR, effective at 2400 hours local time, September 5, 1995, until the effective date of the 1996 management measures, as published in the Federal Register. Comments will be accepted through October 5, 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 Regional Director.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under regulations at 50 CFR 661.21(a)(1), NMFS will close the commercial or recreational fishery, or both, 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 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.

The best available information on August 31 indicated that commercial

catches in this area totaled 21,358 coho salmon through the most recent opening on August 26-29. Based on the most recent catch and effort levels, commercial fishing could take place for an additional 2 days without exceeding the coho salmon quota. The next scheduled opening for this fishery was on September 2. Therefore, NMFS determined to close the commercial fishery for all salmon from the U.S.-Canadian border to Carroll Island, WA, for the remainder of the season at 12 midnight, September 3.

In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries, NMFS also announced that the 1995 recreational fishery in the area between Leadbetter Point, WA, and Cape Falcon, OR, would open on July 24 and close the earlier of September 28 or attainment of the adjusted 37,500 coho salmon quota (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995; revised at 60 FR 40302, August 8, 1995).

The best available information on August 31 indicated that recreational catches in this area totaled 26,450 coho salmon through August 27. Based on estimated catch and effort levels, 36,150 coho salmon were projected to be caught through September 4, leaving 1,350 coho salmon of the quota unharvested. This amount of fish was determined to provide an additional day of harvest. Therefore, NMFS determined to close the recreational fishery for all salmon from Leadbetter Point, WA, to Cape Falcon, OR, at midnight, September 5.

The Regional Director consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding these closures. The States of Washington and Oregon will manage the commercial and recreational fisheries in State waters adjacent to these areas 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 was given to fishermen of the commercial closure prior to 2400

hours local time, September 3, 1995, and of the recreational closure prior to 2400 hours local time, September 5, 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 coho 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 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 12, 1995.

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