

## Recreational Topics for Discussion

### Assumptions - NOF Coho 30-40K

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- Starting/Ending Dates for coho?
- Chinook?
- Bag Limit?
- Gear?
  - ❖ Concern over double hook rig higher hooking impacts; recommend go to a single hook
  - ❖ Concern over netting fish and putting on deck - having a gaff hook allows for easier release.
  - ❖ Keep first fish caught; doesn't want to release fish (keep it simple)
  - ❖ Release unclipped fish is preferred by others
  - ❖ Too high release rate of coho - look at ratio of hatchery/wild each year and consider selective/non-selective in each year
- KMZ - have Labor Day fishery working backwards into August

- **SOF - June 26 - Labor Day in option 1**
  - **2 fish limit - Chinook March 15-**
  - October 31 (to OR/CA)**

## Miscellaneous Topics

- ❖ Concern about “wild fish policy” - try one year both sport and commercial non-selective
- ❖ How can you call progeny of hatchery fish spawning in the wild - wild fish? Doesn't believe wild fish (genetically) exist.
- ❖ Problem with predators esp. cormorants and Caspian terns
- ❖ Should close Sacramento River sport fishery since it is causing shutdowns in ocean fisheries off Oregon
- ❖ Increased smolt releases in Sac. System how is this planned in the season structure, concern over Feinstein water proposed legislation (Barry)
- ❖ Request to change title of “overfishing” to something else
- ❖ Damage to the fish is in the river

## Troll Topics for Discussion

- What types of openings/closures preferred?
- High spring chinook run in Columbia River - might catch some of those fish SOF (Steve W. - not able to fish NOF early, and those fish not available SOF)
- Jerry three options
  - March 15-Oct 31 F-ORCA, Chinook only 28" size limit
  - May 1-Sept. 15 beginning in July 2 wks on 2 off alternating N and S of Florence to Humbug
  - Cascade Head to Falcon March 15-Oct. 31
- Don't want coho if they will affect Chinook fishery - coho open no earlier than third week of July NOF
- NOF all May and June open for Chinook and open for coho end of July - no plug restriction
- Humbug to OR/CA - 9/1-10/31 25 per day (Chinook - 28 inch min)

- Jerry - NOF thinks that we will be facing plug only rule due to coho limitations
- Prefer no season NOF to plug only season - plugs don't work in Columbia area
- August 15 go to "junk" NOF
- Leave any coho season open-ended if quota left on table
- Disagreement for alternating 2 weeks N and S of Florence - prefer 4 days on / 3 days off throughout the whole area (Mike)
- NOAA / NMFS not at meeting a concern
- Paul H. - Comment about Sept/Oct credit card fishery risk - if only option then this is a risk that might be acceptable
- Wants to hear that ODFW will produce as many fish as possible to the Elk River SW and Chetco SW fisheries.

- Question on split on Sacramento Chinook - Reply - no established allocation / Paul noted sharing agreement for Klamath
- Can we move the Falcon line further south to avoid Sacramento?