

**Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting**  
**April 6-11, 2003**  
**Red Lion at the Quay**  
**Vancouver, Washington**  
**Meeting #73**

**Sunday, April 6, 2003**

**Representative Seat**

California Department of Fish and Game  
California Ocean Commercial Salmon Industry  
California Offshore Recreational Fishing Industry  
California In-river Sport Fishing Community  
Hoopa Valley Tribe  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Non-Hoopa Indians Residing in Klamath Conservation Area  
Oregon Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
U.S. Department of the Interior

**Member**

Eric Larson (Alternate)  
Dave Bitts  
Paul Kirk  
Virginia Bostwick  
Mike Orcutt  
Dan Viele, Chair  
Dave Hillemeier  
Keith Wilkinson  
Steve King  
Don Hansen  
Phil Detrich

9 a.m. Convene and Introduction of Members. *Don Hanson not present.*

**Agendum 1. Review and approve agenda**

Dave Bitts brought up the topic of harvest allocations for the non-Tribal share of fall Chinook salmon. He said that the current allocations are based on an older version of the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM). Dave Bitts stated that the Klamath Fishery Management Council (Council) needed to discuss this as a separate agenda item. Dan Viele asked Dave Bitts if he thought this would affect the 2003 seasons. Dave Bitts replied that the discussion should include whatever the issue represents, especially the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) and troll fishery sharing. Phil Detrich asked if this was going to affect recommendations. Dave Bitts replied that it could. Keith Wilkinson stated that there is a perception that you [Dave Bitts] intend to move some fish from the ocean recreational fishery to the troll fishery. He said that the preliminary options for seasons have already been sent out for public review by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Paul Kirk pointed out that the KOHM has not been reviewed yet, so it was too soon to talk about effects on allocation.

Paul Kirk suggested Agendum 6, Public Comment, be placed before Agendum 5, Develop additional recommendations for the 2003 Management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies.

**Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.**  
**To place Agendum 6 before Agendum 5.**  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Agendum 2. Review handouts**

Gary Curtis reviewed the meeting materials and handouts.

**Agendum 3. Charter submission**

This item pertained to the proposal revisions to the Charter. The proposed revisions would provide the Council the ability to appoint interim members for a period of up to six months in the event that an official appointment

was not made within an appropriate time frame. Phil Detrich gave the Council some background on the issue, then discussed the letter received from the Department of Commerce (DOC) on this topic, which stated that the proposed revision were not consistent with the Klamath Act that created the Council. Phil Detrich reported that Department of the Interior (DOI) solicitors had not decided on the proposed revisions. Steve King said that the Oregon Governor approved the changes asked why we did not go through the DOI solicitors before distribution. Phil Detrich replied the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) did that, and received preliminary advice that the proposed changes were acceptable. Dan Viele pointed out that the Department of Commerce opinion was not a legal opinion, and what DOI decided will matter most. He said there was no reason for the Council to reply to the DOC letter. Eric Larson said that the Governor of California would review after DOI decides. Mike Orcutt said that maybe we need congressional action to correct the issue, and it should be incorporated into any reauthorization action for the Council when the Klamath Act expires. Keith Wilkinson asked that the Council be kept informed on this issue.

#### **Agendum 4. Review of Pacific Fishery Management Council salmon-fishing options for public review**

Dan Viele said that members were all familiar with the options. The Council did not specifically review them. Dan Viele then gave an overview of the public meeting held in Eureka, California, to discuss the proposed 2003 season options. He said that Option 1 for the recreational fishery was favored. Commercial troll operators favored commercial fishing Option 2, which called for fishing to be allowed for the full month of July in the Ft. Bragg area, and that trip limits might be beneficial in achieving that. Dan Viele said that an April 15, 2004, opening for the Ft. Bragg troll fishery and modifications to the fall fishery off San Francisco were also discussed.

Steve King reported on the public meeting held in Coos Bay, Oregon, on March 30. He said the recreational fisherman favored recreational fishery Option 1, and that the commercial troll operators favored commercial fishery Option 1, which allowed fishing from Humbug Pt. to the CA/OR border. Dave Bitts pointed out that the Oregon commercial options were all the same. Keith Wilkinson said that they only discussed options for the troll fishery in Oregon waters, not for California fish.

Dave Hillemeier asked California Department of Fish and Game if there were any comments about the lack of six-day possession limits. Eric Larson replied that the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) had voted to accept commercial troll Option 1, with a range of 10-31 fishing days in July and a two fish per day and two fish possession limit. He said that the Commission did not adopt the six fish in seven days possession limit Dave Hillemeier asked about. The Commission also adopted a range in the percentage of harvestable fish for the in-river recreational fishery. He said they did this because the Commission met prior to the PFMC this year and the range would allow PFMC to decide.

Paul Kirk asked for clarification on the two-fish-per-day limit. Eric Larson said that it is a possession limit also, and that is how it is enforced. He explained that the six fish per seven day limit is not more liberal than the two fish per day limit, since the latter is enforced as a possession limit. Members then discussed the ramifications and the implementation of bag limits and possession limits. Dave Hillemeier pointed out that the six fish per seven day regulation has been on the books since 1986.

Dave Bitts said he would like to talk about the 17% allocation of ocean recreational fishery. He stated that he wanted it to be very clear that the purpose any discussion would be to come out with the existing allocation intact, and that if the Council made any changes, we would know exactly what we are doing. Dave Bitts said that the old KOHM may have overestimated impacts in the KMZ, and if we continue to use 17% under the new KOHM it may result in an allocation change that we are unaware of. He said this may also affect California-Oregon sharing, which was also done under the old model. Dave Bitts said that using the same allocation percentages may actually be a reallocation in itself. He said that he just wants to understand what we are doing under the new model. Paul Kirk pointed out that the 17% allocation applied to lean years also and that it was needed to re-market the fishery. He said they have been rebuilding the recreational fishery in the KMZ. Dave Bitts said that the Council needed to go through the exercise to determine the effects of the new KOHM. The Member continued discussing this issue. Dave Bitts asked Staff for meeting minutes from early KFMC meetings and the 1986-1987 Salmon Management

Group meetings. [These were assembled by Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office staff and sent via overnight delivery to Dave Bitts at the meeting].

Dave Hillemeier expressed his concern that the six fish per seven days limit was not adopted by the Commission. He said that all the model runs were done under that assumption, or the assumption of four fish in seven days. Eric Larson clarified that six fish in seven days was actually enforced as two fish per day, and two fish in possession. Members continued to discuss this issue.

#### **Agendum 6. Public comment**

Jim Welter, Klamath Management Zone Coalition, said that in 1992 the KMZ Coalition put restrictions on their fishery to increase time on the water. He said that in 1994 coho was taken away, and since then July fishing has been restricted by coho regulations. Jim Welter said this will be the first year since 1996 for a full fishing season, and we will see how the 17% allocation works out. He said to let them fish. He also said Ronnie Pierce's harvest allocation book has the history of the allocation process in it.

#### **Agendum 5. Action: Develop additional recommendations for the 2003 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies**

Dan Viele asked if the Council had any further recommendations to the PFMC.

Dave Bitts said that we have to talk about Option 1 and Option 2. He said that under Option 1 the troll fishery has a 16-day closure of Ft. Bragg, and under Option 2 the recreational fishery has a 10-day closure. Dave Bitts said that the Council needs to resolve this difference. Paul Kirk said that the KMZ Coalition laid out its options very clearly, and this would be the first full season of fishing. He also said that the KMZ Coalition has worked to also get some fish for the troll fishery. Paul Kirk said that a full 120 days of fishing will be a good incentive to rebuild. He said that the KMZ fishery has paid a heavy price over the past 12 years and this year will be good. He also said there was no intent for this to be at the expense of the troll fishery. Dave Bitts said that the rebuilding of the fisheries has been ongoing, but that could change if fish abundance goes down. He said that Option 1 would violate proportional sharing of both gain and pain. Dave Bitts said that some restraints remain, even in this good year. Paul Kirk said that the potential for economic stimulus from the 10 days [in July] in the KMZ is huge compared to the 16-day troll opportunity off Ft. Bragg, but he emphasized that no one group is more/less important.

Keith Wilkinson made a motion, with no second,  
To put forth the following recommendations:

- 1) *Recreational fishery Option 1, as defined in the PFMC Preseason II report, page 18, and*
- 2) *Commercial troll fishery Option 1, as described in the PFMC Preseason II report, page 13.*

Dave Bitts stated that he could not support this motion and would vote no. Members discussed the CA/OR sharing under Option 1. Dave Bitts asked if the maker of the motion would consider amending CA/OR sharing to 50/50. Keith Wilkinson said not as a friendly amendment. Paul Kirk suggested the motion be withdrawn. Keith Wilkinson withdrew the motion.

Paul Kirk made a motion with Keith Wilkinson seconding.

To put forth the following recommendation: *Recreational fishery Option 1, as defined in the PFMC Preseason II report, page 18.*

Dave Bitts spoke against the motion, and said we need to share the pain as he stated before. Paul Kirk withdrew the motion.

Dan Viele asked if there were any further motions. There were none. Dan Viele said there were no further recommendations from the Council to the PFMC at this point, but there might be after the Salmon Advisory Sub-panel (SAS) has dealt with this issue.

**Agendum 7. Assignments to staff and members**

Dave Bitts said he was not prepared to suggest an assignment. He asked if the Harvest Allocation Work Group (HAWG) could convene to discuss a potential modeling exercise for the Technical Advisory Team (TAT) to help us understand the current allocations of harvest.

Dan Viele asked who is on the HAWG. Keith Wilkinson said that the resource users (including Tribes) and States, but no Federal agencies. Keith Wilkinson said that the group kept no attendance records or minutes, and the minutes of the full Council meetings are the only record.

Dave Bitts said the allocation issue he is concerned with affects ocean users only. He said that perhaps a subcommittee of the State and ocean users could discuss an assignment to the TAT for modeling and KOHM evaluation. Keith Wilkinson disagreed, stating that all users should be there. Eric Larson said that we need to get legal advice on whether this meeting should be closed. Keith Wilkinson said they did receive legal advice about the HAWG at that time. Gary Curtis explained that under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) subcommittees were not required to keep minutes, etc., since only the full committee (the Council in this case) could take any action, and that would occur in a public forum. Dave Bitts said that in this case the product would be an assignment for the TAT. Dan Viele said the Council should get the group's input. Dan Viele asked if anyone wanted to meet to clarify an assignment for the TAT. Only Dave Bitts said yes.

Members then discussed briefly the letter from the Council to PacifiCorp and CDFG regarding an increase in marking rates.

**Agendum 8. Set meeting times for the rest of the week**

Gary Curtis explained that the Council would be moving to a different room. Meeting times were set as follows:

Monday April 7, 2003, at 12:00 pm, and  
Tuesday April 8, 2003, at 12:00 pm.

Eric Larson and Dave Hillemeier said that they are the only representatives from their respective agencies and are also sitting on the PFMC.

Recess at 6:00 pm.

**Monday, April 7, 2003**

12:00 pm re-convene; *Don Hansen not present.*

**Agendum 9. Revise and approve agenda**

No changes were proposed.

**Agendum 10. Items relevant to progress of the PFMC meeting**

Paul Kirk asked if Eric Larson could update the Council on the possession limits. Eric Larson discussed a handout (see handout for Agendum 10). Members continued to discuss this issue in more detail.

Paul Kirk then asked to discuss what the SAS has done regarding options. Don Stevens, SAS Chair, gave an update on that. He said that the SAS is considering the following: 1) a seven-day closure in the KMZ, 2) a 27-inch size limit in Oregon (north of the KMZ and south of Pt. Falcon) in May-August, which would result in a 16.1% harvest rate, and 3) a five-day closure in Ft. Bragg, which would result in a 16% harvest rate. Michael Mohr said that the age-4 harvest rate is the constraint, and that the 27-inch size limit has only a minor effect on harvest rate. Members

then discussed and clarified what the proposal was. Dave Bitts said that Oregon offered the 27-inch size limit. He said that if they came close to a decision, the Ft. Bragg troll fishery might offer a 27-inch size limit in May.

Paul Kirk pointed out that Option 1 has a 26-inch size limit for troll and Option 2 and Option 3 have 27-inch limits for Pt. Reyes and north. Don Stevens said they were trying to determine the impact of the size change. Paul Kirk said that he would need a caucus with the KMZ recreational fishery representatives regarding the SAS proposal. Members then discussed the differences between the SAS proposal and the original options.

Members then took a break so the KMZ recreational fishery representatives could caucus.

*Don Hansen arrived 12:45 pm.*

**Agendum 5. (continued) Action: Develop additional recommendations for the 2003 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies**

Keith Wilkinson stated the following points from the KMZ Coalition: 1) we are here to support Option 1, 2) we appreciate the efforts of the SAS to explore a compromise, and 3) we ask that California and Oregon troll be part of the solution. Paul Kirk expressed his support for those statements and this is as far as we can go.

Members then discussed when to meet the next day. Don Stevens said that the SAS goes to the PFMC this afternoon. Members then discussed the issue of the size-limit change. Dave Bitts said he was hoping for a five-day closure in both the Ft. Bragg troll fishery and the KMZ recreational fishery, even though they were not equivalent in terms of impacts. Eric Larson said he doubted CDFG would support a different size limit between areas due to enforcement issues.

**Agendum 11. Public comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agendum 12. Discussion of CDFG budget reductions and priorities, and their potential impacts on the Klamath basin**

Eric Larson said that the upper river recreational fishery will be monitored in real time. He also noted that the California Fish and Game Commission has adopted a change from daily reporting to weekly reporting of those surveys.

**Agendum 13. Discussion of procedures for development of Klamath Council correspondence**

Members discussed procedures the Council should follow when preparing correspondence. Currently, the Council prepares letters during their meetings and that takes a lot of time. Dave Bitts said that the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (Task Force) does it by assigning staff to prepare the letters, which are then circulated by e-mail for Task Force member review. Mike Orcutt said that the Council needs to have all issues on the table when deciding on what goes into a letter. Phil Detrich said that the Council will need to agree on how to handle disagreements. Members agreed that future letters would be prepared by staff and circulated for member review. The Chair would then work out disagreements.

**Agendum 14. Draft letter from the Council to PacifiCorp and CDFG regarding marking rates of fall-run Chinook at Iron Gate Hatchery**

Members discussed the draft letter provided by Dan Viele (see handout for Agendum 14). Eric Larson asked that the letter be tabled to allow time to work this out within CDFG. Dave Hillemeier said that the Council needs to influence PacifiCorp, since they pay 80% of the hatchery costs. Dan Viele asked if PacifiCorp makes the decisions or just provides the funding. Eric Larson will look into this. Members then discussed the need for increased

marking. Mike Orcutt suggested the TAT look at the study by Dave Hankin at Humboldt State University on this issue. Members then discussed the timing of the letter. Eric Larson said he would try to determine what CDFG constraints are and report back to the Council later in the week.

**Agendum 15. Public comment**

Duncan Maclean, SAS, said that the SAS is working towards a full fishery within Option 1, if the KMZ recreational fishery is willing to give up 4 days in July, if Oregon is willing to give up 2 days in July, and if the troll fishery is willing to give up 3 days in Ft. Bragg. Keith Wilkinson clarified that this meant an additional 2 days closed in Oregon, for a total of 17 days closed.

**Agendum 16. Discuss draft letter from KFMC to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) regarding Service's new Strategic Vision (Vision) for the Fisheries program, expressing concern that Vision emphasis on restoring functioning ecosystems is inconsistent with where new funding is directed**

Dan Viele said he will work with staff on this letter, and will prepare a draft by May 1. Keith Wilkinson pointed out that the Vision did not mention the commercial fisheries and their role in rehabilitation of stocks, and that this should be included.

**Agendum 17. Summary of Council recommendations and other significant correspondence 1995-2003, and discussion of Council's accomplishments**

Dave Bitts said we should consider this item on Tuesday. Dan Viele said its purpose is to look forward to a reauthorization for the Council when the Klamath Act expires in 2006.

**Agendum 18. Assignments to TAT, members, and staff**

Paul Kirk asked if there was a modeling assignment regarding the 27-inch size limit at Ft. Bragg. Eric Larson suggested that it may not be useful, given what Duncan Maclean said.

No assignments were made.

Recessed at 2:00 pm.

**Tuesday, April 8, 2003**

12:00 pm. re-convene; *Neal Coenen, ODFW, for Steve King*

**Agendum 10. (continued) Items relevant to progress of the PFMC meeting**

It was noted that the PFMC was still to receive recommendations from the SAS and the KFMC. Members held a brief discussion and agreed that there was nothing to report to the PFMC today.

**Agendum 5. (continued) Action: Develop additional recommendations for the 2003 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies**

Dave Bitts said that he hoped that the SAS had something to brief the Council on, and without that, he didn't know what the Council had to offer. Members then discussed how they could proceed without any further information from the SAS.

Dan Viele said he would report that the Council has "no additional recommendations" in addition to those given in March 2003. He said that the Council should not report items they discussed but could not reach consensus on, as had been done in the past.

Dave Hillemeier said that the PFMC was hoping that the Council would solve the issues and make a recommendation.

Keith Wilkinson said that if the Council suspends business today, we should report that we couldn't come to consensus because of a lack of information. He said that in the past the Council has absorbed blame for no recommendations, even though that was because of a lack of information.

Paul Kirk said he was told that the SAS was going with Option 1 and was looking to the troll fishery for concessions. He said we could bring back motion to approve Option 1. Eric Larson said he was uncomfortable with the Council making recommendations beyond the scope provided in the Klamath Act. He said that recommendations for Ft. Bragg are beyond the Council's scope. He said this is a SAS responsibility. Dave Bitts agreed.

**Paul Kirk made a motion with Keith Wilkinson seconding.  
To recommend Option 1 for the Klamath Management Zone recreational fishery.**

Discussion:

Dave Bitts said he is not ready to support this motion without more information.

Duncan Maclean said the Council should forward recommendations supporting the SAS recommendation of a 26-day season in July at Ft. Bragg, a three-day closure in the KMZ, and a 150,000 fish cap, and the size limit change in Oregon.

Members then discussed the SAS option, and Michael Mohr discussed his handout (see handout for Agendum 5). After the discussion, Keith Wilkinson spoke in favor of the motion. Dave Bitts said he was able to support the motion. Mike Orcutt asked if the option met the other requirements such as the 16% exploitation rate. Mike Orcutt said he disagreed with the earlier statement by Eric Larson that the Council only has jurisdiction over the KMZ. Dave Bitts agreed with Mike Orcutt on this point. Mike Orcutt asked if the Tribal share changed with the compromise proposed by the SAS. Duncan Maclean said it might increase slightly-maybe 100 fish. Dave Hillemeier suggested the following be included with Council recommendation; "as long as all conservation goals and other criteria are met". He said that included the 50/50 Tribal and non-Tribal split. The motion was then tabled at the request of Paul Kirk.

Mike Orcutt asked about the intent of the trip limits at Ft. Bragg. Duncan Maclean said that the 10,000 fish quota in 2003 was exceeded in three days. This year the regulations are designed to keep impacts on Klamath fish at the required levels. He said this was supported by the California troll fishery. Dan Viele said that Klamath fish contact rates were higher than expected.

Michael Mohr distributed the SAS option model output (see handout for Agendum 5, Item #X).

Dan Viele said he would like to bring the motion back to the table. Paul called the question.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Dave Bitts made a motion with Keith Wilkinson seconding.  
To support the ongoing work of the SAS in developing a viable troll fishery.

Dan Viele said that this has not been presented to the PFMC. He said that the Council has had some preliminary information on work by SAS on troll options and we support that. Members then discussed trip limits in the Ft. Bragg fishery. Eric Larson said that recommendations affecting only the Ft. Bragg fishery are likely out of Council purview. Dave Hillemeier said that a high harvest in Ft. Bragg does affect the Tribes, and that the Council should discuss the role of the Council at the October meeting. Mike Orcutt pointed out that if the troll fishery goes over

quota in one year it is not returned to the Tribes the next year.

Dave Hillemeier asked if the maker of the motion would consider 150 fish per day limits for all of July as a Friendly Amendment. Dave Bitts said that it would make the motion too specific and not a general endorsement of the SAS work. Dave Bitts did not accept the Friendly Amendment.

Mike Orcutt spoke against the motion. Paul Kirk stated that he supports the motion.

Dave Bitts withdrew the motion.

Assignment: Staff to finish Report to PFMC and deliver it (see handout for Agendum 5, Item X).

Recess.

Reconvene at 3:00 pm. *Virginia Bostwick and Don Hansen not present; Neal Coenen, ODFW, for Steve King*

**Agendum 14. (continued) Draft letter from the Council to PacifiCorp and CDFG regarding marking rates of fall-run Chinook at Iron Gate Hatchery**

Eric Larson discussed the funding process for Iron Gate Hatchery. He said that CDFG provides 20%, and PacifiCorp provides 80% of the funds. Eric Larson said that fish tagging is 100% funded by CDFG. He suggested two letters: one to CDFG requesting they work with PacifiCorp to achieve 25% constant fractional marking, and one to PacifiCorp requesting they work with CDFG to achieve that. Phil Detrich discussed the ongoing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission process for relicensing the hydropower project. He said that the new license will be issued in 2006.

Dave Hillemeier said that other funding sources should be pursued so tagging can be increased prior to 2006. Members then discussed the letters and the message each would convey.

Dan Viele will prepare draft letters with assistance from staff.

**Agendum 17. Summary of Council recommendations and other significant correspondence 1995-2003, and discussion of Council's accomplishments**

Dan Viele suggested that Council members look over the table in the handout (see handout for Agendum 17) and provide comments to staff.

Dan Viele asked if the Task Force had looked ahead toward reauthorization. Dave Hillemeier said they have been thinking about how the Task Force might be reformed with the upper basin merged in. He mentioned Representative Thompson's bill. Members further discussed the need for reauthorization and how that might occur.

*Dave Bitts, Mike Orcutt, and Eric Larson left the meeting.*

Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding. To hold the Council's October 2003 meeting in Yreka. Motion was left on the table.

Recess

Reconvene at 4:30 pm. *Virginia Bostwick, Eric Larson, Mike Orcutt, Don Hansen, and Dave Hillemeier not present.*

Members present set the next meeting for October 15 and 16 at the Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office.

**Agendum 18, Assignments to TAT members and staff**

Assignments to members:

- 1) Dan Viele will work with staff to draft letter to FWS regarding the Strategic Fisheries Vision.
- 2) Dan Viele will work with staff to draft letters to PacifiCorp and CDFG regarding the need to increase marking rates on fall-run Chinook at Iron Gate Hatchery to a 25% constant fractional marking rate.
- 3) Members to review table on actions and accomplishments and provide feedback to staff.

Assignments to staff:

- 1) Update table on actions and accomplishments to include October and February meetings for 1995-2003.
- 2) Provide information on Thompson legislation and short descriptions of the Council and Task Force.

Assignments to the Technical Advisory Team:

- 1) Model the following scenario as requested by Dave Bitts:

***Purpose:** To evaluate what CA and OR Troll and KMZ recreational shares would be, under the full-fishing scenarios (shown below) to be modeled by the revised KOHM. This is to compare to the allocation percentages currently being used, but were developed during the use of the original KOHM. This will allow the Council to determine if reductions in the three fisheries over time were proportional, and if current percentage allocations remain valid under the new KOHM.*

*Model the following full-fishing scenario:*

***Specific inputs:***

*OR Troll: Season May1-October 31*

*CA Troll: Season May 1 to September 30*

*KMZ Rec: May 15-September 15 (note: 7 days per week and 2 fish per day)*

*Recreational fisheries outside zone: use recent season and area regulations (e.g. south of Pt. Arena) I guess you need to go back and look at recent years and make a call.*

*Age-4 abundance of 200,000 fish and estimate population age structure*

*Size limits:*

*Ocean Troll: 26 inches*

*Recreational: 20 inches*

***Outputs to be determined:***

*CA/OR sharing*

*Total ocean harvest rate on age-4 fish*

*Ocean Recreational fishery share*

**Agendum 19. Agenda for October 2003 meeting**

Members asked for the following agenda items for the October 2003, meeting in Yreka:

- 1) Discussion of Council value and accomplishments in terms of reauthorization or sunset. 1.5 hours each day.
- 2) Spring Chinook update. Discussion will include ocean impacts.
- 3) Update on water management issues.
- 4) Discussion of allocation assignment to TAT from Dave Bitts.
- 5) Discussion of HAWG procedures.

**Dave Hillemeier made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.**

**To hold the February 2004, meeting at the Yurok Tribal headquarters in Klamath, California.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

**Attachment 1**

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**LIST OF ATTENDEES**

The following individuals attended the Klamath Fishery Management Council meetings in Vancouver, Washington, on April 6-11, 2003.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jim Welter	Port of Brookings
Barbara Emley	PCFFA
Don Stevens	SAS Oregon Troll
Gerald Reinholdt	SAS-PFMC
Desma Williams	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Gerald Reinholdt	SAS-PFMC
Allen Grover	California Department of Fish & Game

**Attachment 2**

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**LIST OF HANDOUTS**

- Agendum 4 Proposed Initial Salmon Management Options for 2003 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries, from Salmon Advisory Panel, dated March 11, 2003.
- Agendum 5 Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and  
Item 1 Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated March 11, 2003.
- Item 2 Klamath Ocean Harvest Model output for three Pacific Fishery Management Council options from March 2003.
- Item 3 Ocean Abundance Projections and Prospective Harvest Levels for Klamath River Fall Chinook, 2003 Season.
- Item 4 Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated April 9, 2002.
- Item 5 Klamath Fishery Management Council Report and Recommendations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, dated March 12, 2002.
- Item 6 KOHM output summary.
- Item 7 Letter from Pacific Fishery Management Council regarding Klamath Management Zone Ocean Recreation Options, dated March 21, 2003.
- Agendum 12 Letter from Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to California Department of Fish & Game Director, Robert Hight regarding the Fall Chinook Yearling Rearing Program Iron Gate Hatchery and Fall Creek Ponds, dated March 27, 2003.
- Agendum 14 Draft letter to from Klamath Fishery Management Council to California Department of Fish & Game Director, Robert Hight regarding the inadequate marking rates of Klamath River fall Chinook at Iron Gate Hatchery.
- Agendum 16 Fish & Wildlife Service questionnaire: What Information does the FWS need from its Partners and Stakeholders for developing Regional Step-down Plans?
- Agendum 17 Klamath Fishery Management Council – Summary of Recommendations 1995-2003.

Informational Handouts

- Handout 1 Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting Notice and Schedule.
- Handout 2 Letter from Klamath Fishery Management Council to Secretary Gale Norton regarding Klamath River Flows, dated March 12, 2003.
- Handout 3 Letter from Sue Ellen Wooldridge to Dan Vie le, regarding the Klamath Fish Kill, dated March 11, 2003.
- Handout 4 Letter from California Department of Fish and Game to all Interested Parties Regarding Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations.
- Handout 5 California Department of Fish & Game Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations.
- Handout 6 State of California Fish & Game Commission Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action. (Pre-Adoption Statement of Reasons)
- Handout 7 Letter from the Chair, Klamath Fishery Management Council, to George Kautsky appointing Melodie Palmer-Zwahlen and Wade Sinnen as new members to the Technical Advisory Team, dated March 18, 2003.
- Handout 8 Klamath Management Zone Sport Seasons, 1991-2002.
- Handout 9 2003 Klamath River Sport Fishing Regulation Changes from the State of California Fish and Game Commission.

**Attachment 3**

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**MOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Sunday, April 6, 2003

**Keith Wilkinson made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.  
To place Agendum 6 before Agendum 5.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

**Dave Hillemeier made a motion with Paul Kirk seconding.  
To hold the February 2004, meeting at the Yurok Tribal headquarters in Klamath, California.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

**Assignments:**

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Assignments to staff:

- 1) Update table on actions and accomplishments to include October and February meetings for 1995-2003.
- 2) Provide information on Thompson legislation and short descriptions of the Council and Task Force.

Assignments to the Technical Advisory Team:

- 1) Model the following scenario as requested by Dave Bitts:

***Purpose:*** *To evaluate what CA and OR Troll and KMZ recreational shares would be, under the full-fishing scenarios (shown below) to be modeled by the revised KOHM. This is to compare to the allocation percentages currently being used, but were developed during the use of the original KOHM. This will allow the Council to determine if reductions in the three fisheries over time were proportional, and if current percentage allocations remain valid under the new KOHM.*

*Model the following full-fishing scenario:*

***Specific inputs:***

*OR Troll: Season May1-October 31*

*CA Troll: Season May 1 to September 30*

*KMZ Rec: May 15-September 15 (note: 7 days per week and 2 fish per day)*

*Recreational fisheries outside zone: use recent season and area regulations (e.g. south of Pt. Arena)  
I guess you need to go back and look at recent years and make a call.*

*Age-4 abundance of 200,000 fish and estimate population age structure*

*Size limits:*

*Ocean Troll: 26 inches*

*Recreational: 20 inches*

***Outputs to be determined:***

*CA/OR sharing*

*Total ocean harvest rate on age-4 fish*

*Ocean Recreational fishery share*

**Attachment 4**

*Klamath Fishery Management Council Meeting  
April 6-11, 2003  
Red Lion at the Quay  
Vancouver, Washington  
Meeting #73*

**FINAL AGENDA**

Sunday, April 6

**3:00 pm Convene Klamath Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting Introduce members**

ADMINISTRATION

1. Review and approve agenda
2. Review handouts (staff)
3. Charter submission

**2003 MANAGEMENT SEASON**

4. Review of Pacific Fishery Management Council's (PFMC) salmon-fishing options for public review
5. **Action:** Develop additional recommendations for the 2003 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies (members)
6. Public Comment
7. Assignments to staff and members
8. Set meeting times for the rest of the week
- 8:00 Recess

**Meeting times to be arranged April 8-12:**

**Reconvene**

9. Revise and approve agenda
10. Items relevant to progress of PFMC meeting

5. (continued) **Action:** Develop additional recommendations for the 2003 management season for presentation to the PFMC and other agencies (members)

11. Public Comment

GENERAL

12. Discussion of California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) budget reductions and priorities, and their potential impacts on the Klamath Basin (Larson)

13. Discussion of procedures for development of Klamath Council correspondence

14. Draft letter from KFMC to PacifiCorp and CDFG regarding marking rates of fall-run Chinook at Iron Gate Hatchery (Viele)

15. Public Comment

16. Discuss draft letter from KFMC to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) regarding Service's new Strategic Vision for the Fisheries program, expressing concern that Vision emphasis on restoring functioning ecosystems is inconsistent with where new funding is directed (Viele)

17. Summary of Council recommendations and other significant correspondence 1995-2003, and discussion of Council's accomplishments (staff, members)

18. Assignments to TAT, members, and staff

19. Agenda for October, 2003, meeting

20. Public Comment

21. Time and place of October 2003, meeting

Adjourn