



April 2014 California Ocean Salmon Season



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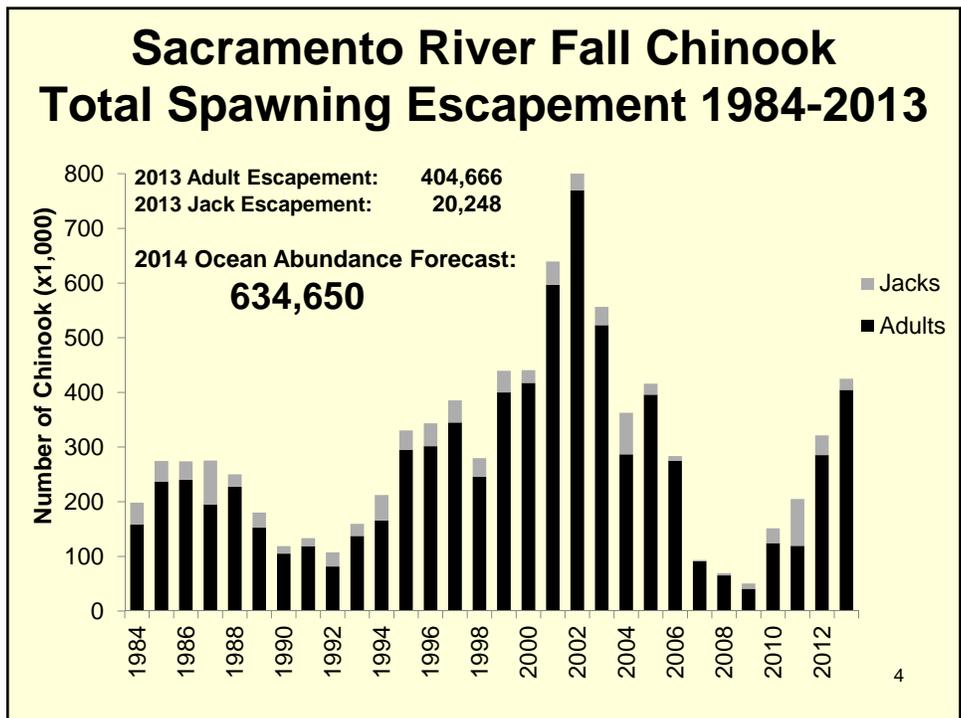
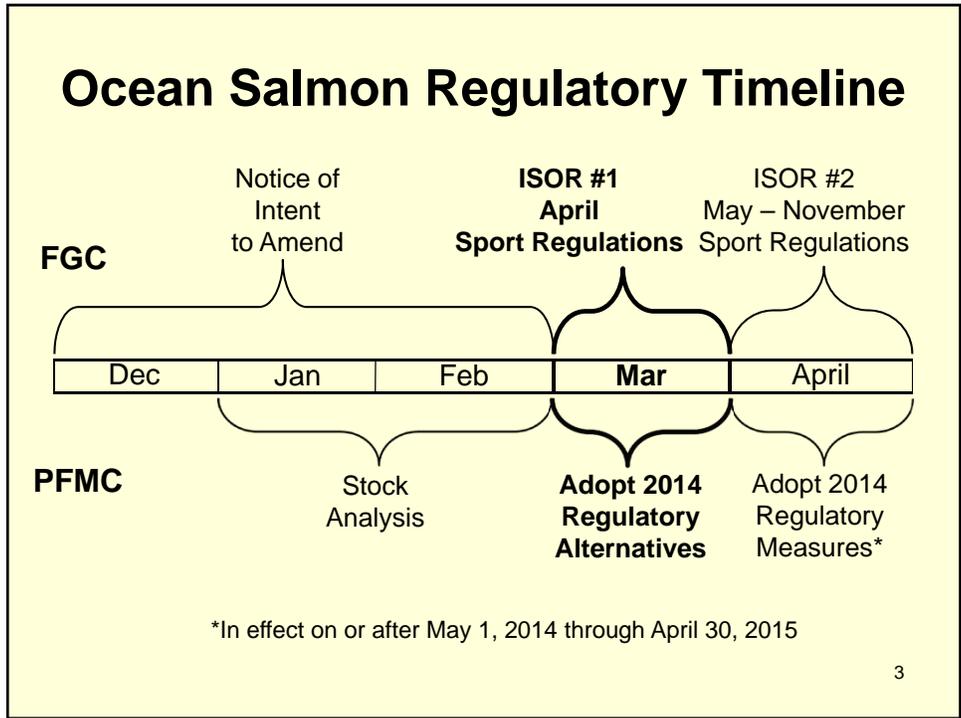
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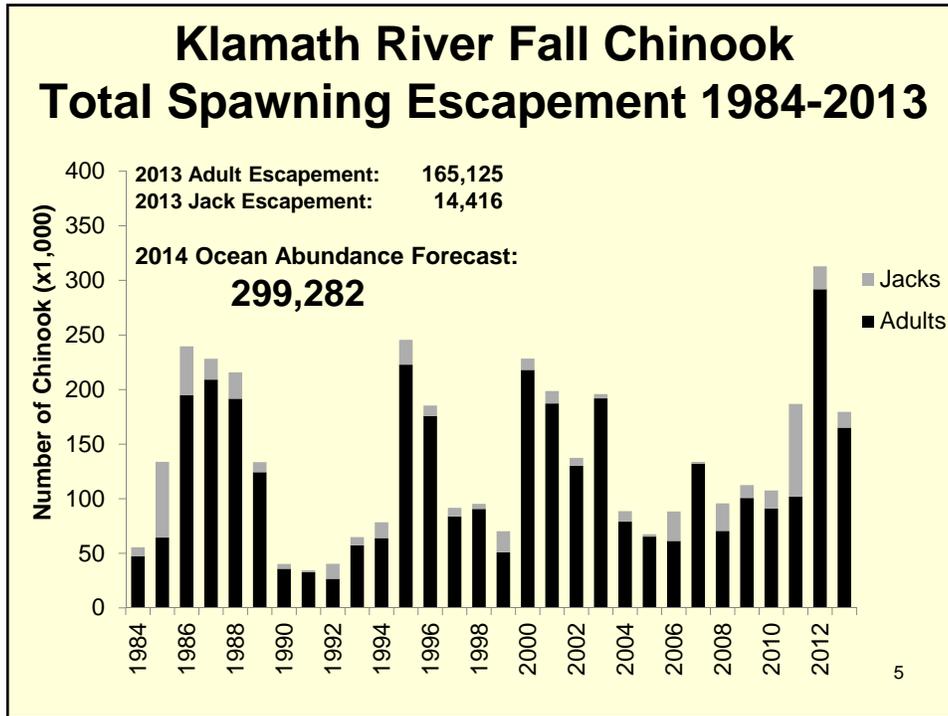
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Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) – Section 27.80 (c)

- Overview of Regulatory Timeline
- 2013 Escapement Totals
- 2014 Conservation Objectives
- Proposed April 2014 Regulations
- Possession Limit Regulations
- May – November Alternatives
- Next Steps







Federal Salmon Fishery Management Plan 2014 Conservation Objectives

Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC)

- Requires escapement goal of **122,000-180,000** hatchery & natural area adult spawners

Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC)

- Requires escapement goal of **40,700** adult spawners in natural areas

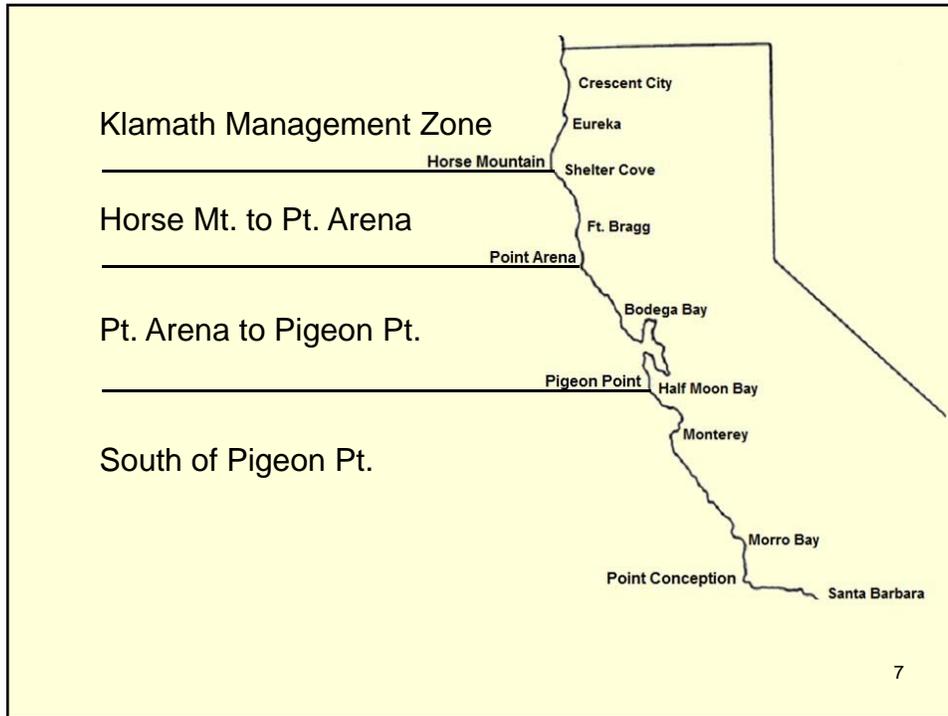
California Coastal Chinook (ESA-listed Threatened)

- Requires the KRFC age-4 ocean harvest rate not exceed **16%**

Sacramento River Winter Chinook (ESA-listed Endangered)

- Restricts opening and closing dates for sport and commercial fisheries south of Pt. Arena with minimum size limit of 20 inches for sport and 26 inches for commercial fisheries
- No salmon fishing in ocean between mid-November through March
- Maximum **15.4%** ocean fishery impact rate on age-3 SRWC

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April 2014 Proposed Salmon Regulations

Klamath Management Zone	closed
Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena	April 5-30 • Minimum size: 20" • Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	April 5-30 • Minimum size: 24" • Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*
South of Pigeon Pt.	April 5-30 • Minimum size: 24" • Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*

*Retention of coho salmon is prohibited in all ocean fisheries

Possession Limit Change
Commission Direction – Oct. 2013

- Option 1
 - Status quo: *one daily bag limit of salmon may be possessed*

- Option 3
 - *No more than two daily bag limits may be possessed when on land.*
 - *On a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall possess or bring ashore more than one daily bag limit.*

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May - November 2014
Range of Alternatives

Klamath Management Zone	Various dates ranging from May 1 – Sep 7 Minimum size ranging from 20-24" Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*
Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena	Various dates ranging from Apr 5 – Nov 9 Minimum size ranging from 20-24" Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	Various dates ranging from Apr 5 – Nov 9 Minimum size ranging from 20-24" Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*
South of Pigeon Pt.	Apr 5 – Oct 5 Minimum size: 24" Bag limit: 2 salmon per day*

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Next Steps

- March 25 PFMC Public Hearing in Santa Rosa
 - Review federal regulatory alternatives in effect on or after May 1, 2014
- April 5-10 PFMC Meeting in Vancouver, WA
 - Adopt final federal regulations
- April 16-17 FGC Meeting in Ventura
 - Commission adopts final state regulations



Questions ♦ Thank You



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