

Attachment 1
Summary of Public Comments and Responses

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| 1 | Eileen Cooper Friends of Del Norte County | Letter attached to email received 3/9/16, Oral comments at FGC teleconference on 3/15/16 and 4/18/16. | <p>a. Requested an option for a 1000-foot closure on the Klamath River downstream of the mouth of Blue Creek during the June 15 through September 14 period instead of or in addition to the 500-foot option listed in the ISOR.</p> <p>b. Supports the current June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to ½ mile below the mouth of Blue Creek.</p> <p>c. Opposes catch and release fishing practices.</p> | <p>a. Reject. At its February 11, 2016 meeting, the Commission directed staff to only include a 500 foot downstream option for public notice. The request to re-notice the proposal with an additional option could not be considered at the March 15, 2016 teleconference because the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act prohibits action on items not on the agenda. Re-evaluation of this regulation will be made pending scientific evaluations.</p> <p>b. Reject. At its April 18, 2016 teleconference, the Commission adopted a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. The 500-foot closure is consistent with other Klamath River main stem closures (i.e., Salmon, Scott, Shasta river confluences). Re-evaluation of this regulation will be made pending scientific evaluations.</p> <p>c. Reject. A prohibition on catch and release fishing on the Klamath River would unnecessarily reduce fishing opportunities. Catch and release fishing is an important recreational pursuit on the Klamath and the regulations are promulgated recognizing some amount of catch and release mortality.</p> |
| 2 | Thomas O'Rourke Yurok Tribe Chairman | Letter attached to email sent by Dave Hillemeier received on | a. Supports the current June 15 - September 14 closure of the Klamath | a. See response 1b. |

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| | | 4/5/16 | <p>River main stem from 500 feet above to ½ mile below the mouth of Blue Creek.</p> <p>b. Supports the current September 15 - December 31 closure on the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek.</p> | <p>b. Support noted. The Commission did not amend the September 15 – December 31 closure.</p> |
| 3 | Gerry Hemmingsen Del Norte County Board of Supervisors | Letter attached to email sent by Kylie Heriford on 4/12/16 | <p>a. Encouraged by stakeholder involvement in regulatory process.</p> <p>b. Believes that Initial Statement of Reasons not accurate in portraying small business impacts. States there will be impacts to other industries besides the sport fishing industry.</p> <p>c. Encourage scientific evaluation of the Blue Creek area.</p> | <p>a. Comment noted.</p> <p>b. Comment noted. The Commission's Economic Impact Assessment and Economic Impact Statement identify sport fishing businesses, boat owners, tackle stores, fishing guides, vendors of food, bait, fuel, lodging and campgrounds as potentially-impacted businesses. The adopted regulation concerning the June 15 – September 14 closure on the main stem Klamath River surrounding the mouth of Blue Creek will provide increased opportunity for all users and businesses.</p> <p>c. The Department, Yurok Tribe, and Del Norte County are jointly developing a scientific study of the Blue Creek area to be conducted during the upcoming 2016 fishing season.</p> |

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| | | | d. Mitigation of significant economic effects should be considered. | d. The adopted regulation concerning the June 15 – September 14 closure on the main stem Klamath River surrounding the mouth of Blue Creek will provide increased opportunity for all users and businesses. |
| 4 | Richard Fox Fisherman | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. | Accept. At its April 18, 2016 teleconference, the Commission adopted a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. The 500-foot closure is consistent with other Klamath River main stem closures (i.e., Salmon, Scott, Shasta river confluences). Re-evaluation of this regulation will be made pending scientific evaluations. |
| 5 | Ken Fox Fisherman | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. | See response 4. |
| 6 | Thomas Willson Yurok Tribe | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | a. Supports the current June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to ½ mile below the mouth of Blue Creek. b. Opposes catch and release fishing practices. | a. See response 1b. b. See response 1c. |
| 7 | Dave Hillemeier Yurok Tribe | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | Supports the current June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main | See response 1b. |

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| | | | stem from 500 feet above to ½ mile below the mouth of Blue Creek | |
| 8 | Chris Howard Del Norte County Supervisor | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | a. Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. b. Supports the conduct of a scientific study of the Blue Creek area. | a. See response 4. b. See response 3c. |
| 9 | Doyle Miller Fisherman | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | a. Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. b. Opposed to tribal net fishing practices. | a. See response 4. b. The Commission does not have authority over tribal fishing regulations. |
| 10 | Denisha Thomas | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference 4/18/16 | Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. | See response 4. |
| 11 | Michael Thomas Fishing guide | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | a. Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above | a. See response 4. |

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| | | | to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. b. Supports a scientific study of the Blue Creek area. | b. See response 3c. |
| 12 | James Keeling Fishing guide | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. | See response 4. |
| 13 | Michael Coopman Fishing guide | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | a. Supports a June 15 – September 14 closure of the Klamath River main stem from 500 feet above to 500 feet below the mouth of Blue Creek. b. Supports the conduct of a scientific study of the Blue Creek area. | a. See response 4. b. See response 3c. |
| 14 | Ted Souza Friends of Del Norte County | Oral testimony at FGC teleconference on 4/18/16 | Catch and release fishing is not working on the Smith River. | See response 1c and Smith River issues cannot be addressed in this Klamath River Basin rulemaking. |