



OSC February 27 Meeting Agenda

An OSC meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27 at 3:30 pm at the Hallmark Inn & Resort immediately following the OSIG meeting.

Agenda Items include:

1. Call to order, Introductions
2. Disaster update
3. 2018 Salmon season discussion
4. PFMC meeting dates/locations
5. Pacific Salmon Commission meeting update
6. Administrative report – minutes & financials
7. Budget meeting date/location
8. Other business

Agenda additions may be brought to the attention of the Chair at the start of the meeting.

(The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting. Phone: 541-994-2647)



OSC Scholarships for College

The OSC is offering scholarships for the 2018-19 year through the Oregon Student Access Commission. These are available to dependents of licensed commercial Oregon troll salmon permit fishermen and/or captains of the vessels of licensed commercial Oregon troll salmon permit fishermen who have paid assessments to the Oregon Salmon Commission within the past three years. The OSC scholarship is Fund #310. Be sure to enter the name of the permit holder on the application. If you also fish for albacore, the Fund # is 633. The **deadline to apply is March 1, 2018 by 5:00pm PST** through the website: www.oregonstudentaid.gov

OSIG Meeting February 27

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will hold the annual Ocean Salmon Industry Group meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Hallmark Inn and Resort in Newport (744 SW Elizabeth Street). Coffee and pastries are at 9:30 am with the meeting starting at 10:00 and ending at 3:30 pm. Agenda items will include: review of 2017 ocean fisheries; review of 2017 salmon spawner escapements and 2018 Coho and Chinook abundance forecasts; sideboards, guidelines, and issues affecting 2018 salmon season structure; develop Oregon preferred options (advice to Oregon representatives on the PFMC) for both the recreational and commercial fisheries. Join the meeting to learn more about the possible fishing opportunities and to voice your opinions.

IPHC Applications for Incidental Halibut during Commercial Salmon Troll Fishery due March 15, 2018

The incidental commercial halibut fishery during the salmon troll fishery operates off Washington, Oregon, and California (Regulatory Area 2A) and requires a license from the International Pacific Halibut Commission. IPHC sets the overall total allowable catch for the area. The Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan as put forth by the PFMC and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) provides the formulas to then allocate Pacific halibut among user groups in the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A. In-season actions may be taken by management agencies and landing restrictions may change several times in-season.

License applications for incidental take during the salmon troll fishery and the sablefish fishery **must be post-marked by midnight, March 15, 2018**. Directed commercial fishery applications are due April 30, 2018. A preprinted application with your vessel information may be mailed to you by the end of the month, if not, the application is available on the IPHC website: <https://iphc.int/management/fisheries/directed-commercial-fisheries/directed-iphc-regulatory-area-2a>

PFMC Meeting Schedule

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and its advisory bodies will meet March 8-14, 2018 in Rohnert Park, CA at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma, One Doubletree Drive, 707-584-5466 to address issues related to salmon, Pacific halibut, groundfish, highly migratory species, Pacific halibut and habitat matters. Key agenda items include: Adopt alternatives for the 2018 ocean salmon fisheries for public review; adopt incidental retention limits for public review for Pacific halibut in salmon troll.

April PFMC will begin with advisory bodies meeting on Thursday, April 5, followed by council sessions from April 5-11 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR, 503-281-2500.

Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council’s proposed regulatory options and provide comments are: Westport, WA (March 26 at the Chateau Westport); Coos Bay, OR (March 26 at the Red Lion Hotel); and Salinas, CA (March 27 at the Laurel Inn & Conference Center). Comments on the alternatives will also be taken during the April Council meeting in Portland OR. All hearings begin at 7:00 pm.

Copies of briefing materials prepared for the meetings can be found on the PFMC website www.pcouncil.org

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### Tagline by Email

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**Remember that when you purchase an Oregon troll caught Chinook salmon you are supporting not only our fishermen, but our coastal communities and related businesses.**

## OSC Dealer Assessment Form

First purchasers/dealers of Oregon Troll Caught Salmon will receive OSC assessment forms shortly after the 2018 salmon season begins. The Commission thanks all dealers for filling out the form, making their payments and sending them to the office each month. You may also use the etix reporting system (<https://etix.psmfc.org/Account/Login>). On the site, click on “Request an Account”. At the end of each month, you will be able to generate and print the monthly ODFW and commission reports for mailing. You may contact Nadine Hurtado at ODFW for more information 503-947-6247.

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*The Oregon Salmon Commission is an industry-funded state commodity commission under the Oregon Department of Agriculture.*

Answers to math problem on page 4:  
1) 21 2) 15 3) 16 4) 17.6

## Salmon Disaster Update

The OSC is acutely aware of the hardships our fishing families have been going through these past two years with the dismal salmon seasons. Here is a timeline of many of the activities that have transpired hoping to get a disaster declaration from the Department of Commerce and ultimately funding. The OSC wants to thank the Coastal Caucus, Governor Kate Brown, and our congressional delegation for their continued support of Oregon’s fisheries and their work trying to get funding to support our fishing families.

March 8, 2017 – OSC wrote a letter to Governor Brown asking for a disaster declaration for the 2016 season. The packet included comparative landings and the options for the 2017 season.

April 19, 2017 – OSC received a letter from the Governor saying that they will review the information.

April 20, 2017 – OSC attended a meeting with the Oregon Coastal Caucus to talk about the 2016 landings and the negative outlook for 2017.

April 27, 2017 – Coastal Caucus sent a letter to the Governor requesting that she declare a disaster and submit a request to the Secretary of Commerce.

May 10, 2017 – OSC attended a Congressman Kurt Schrader’s roundtable and explained our disaster request.

May 24, 2017 – Joint letter from OR and CA Governors asking the Secretary of Commerce to declare a fishing disaster for both states.

June 9, 2017 - Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden with CA Senators Feinstein and Harris wrote a letter to the Secretary of Commerce supporting the request from the OR and CA governors for a disaster declaration for the two states.

October 4, 2017 – Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden joined with CA Senators Feinstein and Harris to push NOAA to act quickly and support a catastrophic regional fishery disaster declaration requested by OR Gov. Kate Brown and CA Gov. Jerry Brown. They pushed for a declaration before the end of the year.

October 30, 2017 – West Coast Senators wrote a letter to the Office of Management and Budget asking that the declared fisheries and those pending be included in disaster funding.

January 10, 2018 – West Coast Senators wrote a letter to the Appropriations Committee asking that the declared fisheries and those pending be included in disaster funding.

January 17, 2018 – OSC met with NOAA in Portland and inquired about the disaster declaration status. They said that it is working its way up the chain.

January 24, 2018 – Joint OSC and California Salmon Council letter to the Secretary of Commerce asking for a disaster declaration saying that fishing families need help now.

## Seafood Education Project

During the 2016/17 school year the Oregon Albacore Commission received grant funds from the Oregon Department of Education through the Farm to School Program. In conjunction with Seafood Oregon (Oregon Salmon Commission, Oregon Albacore Commission, Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission and Oregon Trawl Commission) we did a pilot project with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Seaside Heights Elementary School studying five Oregon fisheries; Salmon in October, Groundfish in December, Dungeness Crab in January, Albacore Tuna in March, and Pink Shrimp in May.

The five units included:

1. Guest speakers (fishermen and processors) talking about how they fished and what happened to the fish after it left the vessel, using hands-on materials (i.e. crab pots, whole salmon) as well as slides and videos.
2. Tasting opportunities – sampling each of the five seafoods that were studied
3. Multi-disciplinary activity books which included math, reading comprehension, art, music, science, vocabulary, and many more activities
4. The Salmon and Albacore units included Take Home Dinner bags that provided students with all ingredients necessary to make dinners for their families. Students made salmon patties/burgers and tuna pasta salad using recipes in English and Spanish.
5. The Salmon unit also included a visit to a salmon hatchery on the coast.

At the end of the year, classes competed in Boat to School Jeopardy with questions about each of the five fisheries.

Since all four seafood commodity commissions were involved in the project, pages will be added to our Seafood Oregon website ([seafoodoregon.org](http://seafoodoregon.org)) with information about the project and pdfs of the activity books, slides, and other materials as well as links to videos. By going through the pages in each book, students will get information about each of the fisheries. The feedback from teachers, students, staff, fishermen and processors was tremendous.

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Parent comment during the seafood education project with the two take-home dinner bags:

*Thanks again for sharing some local fish with us and sending home a delicious meal with all the fixins. We enjoyed making it together and Isaac was so proud. I believe that teaching a kid to cook is a vital part of growing up independent and healthy and it is so fantastic that the school is supporting this while also supporting our local community and fisherman. Thanks so much!!*



Happy student eating his salmon burger

### Salmon Burgers Recipe

Makes 3 patties

(For 6 patties, use 2 cans of salmon and double the remaining ingredients)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can (7.75 ounce) salmon, drained
- 6 crackers (Ritz work well)
- 1 teaspoon of Grill Mate seasoning packet or other seasoning
- 3 tablespoons mashed sweet potato (acts as a binder instead of using an egg)

#### Directions:

1. Put 1 quart of water into pot and bring to a boil.
2. While water is getting hot, peel sweet potato and cut into 1" cubes.
3. Place sweet potato cubes carefully into the hot water and boil for 6-8 minutes until they are soft and a fork goes easily into the cubes. Drain
4. Put the potatoes in a bowl and mash with a fork.
5. Put the salmon in another bowl, breaking it up with a fork.
6. Crumble the crackers and add to the salmon. Add 1 teaspoon of seasoning packet. Add 3 tablespoons of mashed sweet potatoes. Mix well.
7. Form salmon mixture into 3 balls and then press flat to make patties.
8. Lightly spray or oil a large skillet and heat over medium heat.
9. Add the patties and cook until they are golden brown, about 5 minutes per side.
10. Build your salmon burgers.
11. Use the rest of the sweet potatoes as a side dish, adding butter and/or brown sugar.

This is a basic salmon patty recipe that was easy to send home with the students and the mashed sweet potatoes added some vegetables to the mix. The next time you use this recipe, feel free to substitute your own favorite seasonings, or add onions, grated carrots. Optional: instead of crackers, use breadcrumbs or corn flakes.

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## Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

This is one of the activities in the Salmon Activity Book

George went out on his boat for one day with his crew, Dale. Together they caught a total of 15 Chinook salmon. They decided to collect data on the average weight of each fish. The mode, median, and the mean are three ways to find the average weight. What is the mode, median, and mean of the data? What is the weight range of the data?

The following data is the weight in pounds of each fish:

10 16 15 9 27 19 15 22 18 15 30 15 25 11 17

The range is the difference between the greatest number and the least number in a set of numbers.  
What is the range? \_\_\_\_\_

The mode is the number or numbers that occur most often in a set of numbers.  
What is the mode? \_\_\_\_\_

The median is the middle number in a set of numbers arranged in order from least to greatest; if the set contains an even number of numbers, the median is the mean of the two middle numbers.  
What is the median? \_\_\_\_\_

The mean is the quantity that is found by adding the numbers in a set of numbers and dividing their sum by the number of addends.  
What is the mean? \_\_\_\_\_

(Answers at the bottom of page 2)