

SYNOPSIS OF ORAL COMMENTS

SALMON TROLL PLAN
PUBLIC HEARINGS

Nov. 14-18, 1977

JUNEAU

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
Lawrence Cotter	No necessity for the closures is shown in the plan.
Roger Gregg	Closing the FWG will force the big boats inshore and cause a crowding.
John Gurth	The Council has been paid off by big interests of foreign governments.
Henry Roesing	The plan is not representative of sound fishery management.
Richard Woodward	I am opposed to the entire plan.
Scott Lewis	I have a \$51,000 investment; a closure under Option I would mean a loss of 50% of my income. Closure under Option II would cause me to lose 80%.
Stan Reddekopp	I think there is no problem in the fishery. I have invested \$52,000 in this fishery. Besides, why move boats from the outside to the inside?
Scott Stafne	This plan is a biological and economic disaster. The FWG has few native king salmon and a closure of the FWG is not needed in any case.

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Mike Walsh

There is no shaker problem and the impact of trollers on the fishery is minimal. Five boats are landing fish in Washington. I advocate use of single hooks.

Richard Davis

I have gone two weeks without a shaker (outside). Young fishermen are catching more fish. People are buying bigger boats to fish the FWG so that means there is no problem. By closing the outside you force the boats inside.

John Randall

You have made this plan because you have to come up with something to justify your existance. Kings are in poor shape in S.E. Alaska. Close the Inner Bank if you want to. Go to single hooks.

Jim Shelton

I oppose the plan. Closing the FWG puts extra effort into the gillnet fishery.

Mike Ferguson

The plan does not reflect accurate data. Either Option is bad. Ban treble hooks.

Bill Stalnaker

Closing the FWG will force me to another fishery. I am ashamed to pay taxes to support incompetents who write plans like this. The legislature ought to abolish the ADF&G.

Jim Webber

Both options are no good.

Mike Lewis

Both proposals are no good. I don't want FWG fishermen inshore with me.

Tim Whiting

Closing the FWG will force the boats inshore with the netters.

Dorothy Osborne

Closing the FWG will work a great hardship on those fishermen.

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Richard Hand

This plan will increase gear conflicts inshore. Of 200 boats in the Juneau fleet, 10 fish the FWG. Scrap the plan and let the fishermen write it.

Bob Wells

Limit entry into this fishery this year, study the problem and then make a plan. Use observers.

Lee Krouse

I am opposed to this plan.

Charles Whitley

The inside fishery is congested now. Don't force the outside boats inside.

KETCHIKAN

Jack Cotant

The plan is a travesty. It uses protection of small chinook as an excuse to close a 60,000 sq. mi. area. Keep the status quo, but limit the entry. There is a trend to fishing outside.

John Rowley

We have started the troll logbook program. Present landing data is worthless. Coho deliveries are off. Every coho stream should be a marine sanctuary. Keep the status quo. Gillnetters in the terminal fisheries are responsible for declines in kings.

Steven Fried

(Fisheries technologist for the ATA). Calculated shakers at 1 shaker per 10 keepers on the Outer Bank, 2 shakers for one keeper in 1976 and 4 shakers to one keeper on the Inside Bank for 1977. Kings have declined. (He has been at work for 1 month).

Scott Stafne

I request a decision on this plan by Dec. 1 (in time for ADF&G meeting). Treble hook shows no greater mortality than single hook. NO shaker problem now. Gear concentration inside will cause a conflict. This plan is an economic disaster for S.E. Alaska.

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Shari Gross

I propose an alternate plan (the Sitka Plan) for this fishery. (Gross is Exec. Dir. for United Fishermen of Alaska.)

Tom Fisher

Closing the FWG will put the crowd inside. We can't support ourselves.

Charles Barker

This plan will force an economic hardship on fishermen. No shakers outside, but some inside.

Keane Gau

Neither option will do the job. Keep the status quo.

Harrison Smith

Don't get efficient in this fishery. Skipper of SEA MINER. Landed 2,000 fish in one trip in Washington. Made three such trips.

George Thompson

I am a boat maintenance man. This plan will work a hardship on me.

Ed Linkous

Limit the entry. This is a deceitful plan. Data figures are outdated. Trollers are the most restricted of all fishermen. Salmon is the only thing affecting the U.S. balance of trade. Power dams destroyed the runs.

Bob Meyer

You have not demonstrated probable cause to close the fishery. There is a lack of economic data in the plan.

Fred Shewey

I support the powertrollers and oppose this plan.

Al Berno

I support the powertrollers.

Ken Kiffer

I don't fish outside but I may want to. This plan will crowd the inshore area.

Marvin Yoder

(Processor) I agree with the trollers.

Pete Smith

This plan is a conspiracy.

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Larry Painter

This plan is political nonsense.
Trolling does not threaten a stock.

Sharon Newsome

Habitat degradation is the cause of fewer fish. I support a Marine Sanctuary status for the FWG.

Ole Haynes

Closure of the FWG will overcrowd the inshore fishery.

PETERSBURG

Joe Zavodnik

Fish from the FWG do not get to the inshore area. If I go inside. I'll hit that area hard.

Frank Caldwell

Plan lacks re-building information. Don't close the area. Closures are just the start of more closures. Set the plan aside for four years.

Richard Hansen

These plans put too much gear inside.

Al Otness

(Processor) There is a serious problem in the fishery. Our total poundages are off a great deal from seven years ago.

Gary Slaven

Forget the fish tickets, they are no good.

Leif Stromdahl

I advocate the use of single hooks.

Roger Slaven

This plan is very poor management.

Richard Eide

I am opposed to this plan. There is no data base to work from.

A.F. Guggenbickler

I am building a \$300,000 boat. I oppose this closure. There is a poor data base for the plan.

Carl Guggenbickler

I propose using single hooks.

Fred Birch

There are 250 boats fishing west of Cape Spencer.

Lee Krause

I am opposed to this plan. (2nd testimony).

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COMMENT

Alan Anderson	There is no shaker problem. I oppose all closures.
Henry Moy	The outside fishery does not harm the resource.
Don Reinhardt	Cape Spencer should not be closed. We need 2 million pounds of salmon to make our plant go. The Halibut Producers Co-op opposes all options.
Scott Stafne	(See the Sitka Plan)
Clint Buckmaster	Redefine the statistical areas and monitor them.
James Cooper	Limit the entry. I oppose closures N & W of Cape Spencer.
Dexter Kyle	I support the Alaska Trollers Association.
Joyce Davis	This action is premature.
John Polivka	Kings are larger on the outside. Ten to 1. Canadian boats are fishing all the time.
Eric Jordan	Control the sportfishermen. Make sport-fishing catch and release.
Ken Tison	This plan will overcrowd the inside area.
Orrie Bell	This plan will overcrowd the inside area.
Pete Nease	The State is foreclosing mortgages in Angoon because they heard about closing the FWG.
Derek Poon	Opposed to closures.
Joe Siebert	Open up the outside waters.
Toivo Andersen	I discovered the FWG in 1952 in company with a couple of other boats. There is no nursery area out there. We need an observer program in this fishery.

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David Turcott	This is an economic situation.
Jim Goddard	Hand trolling is o.k.
Jamie McMahan	There is no conservation in the plan.
Frances Caldwell	We need an observer program.

PELICAN

Bruce Anderson	(Mayor)	Cited the importance of the FWG fishery to Pelican.
Jim Phillips		(Student) Cited the importance of the fishery to young fishermen.
Bill Bean		Pelican Cold Storage is the largest contributor for shares to the ILWU.
Tom Whitmarsh		Closing the FWG will mean a loss of \$800-900 to the operating engineers.
Nancy Phillips		Cited importance of the FWG to the Tlinget-Haida Village Council.
Marion Funk		Cited the importance of the FWG to her business (bar and grill).
Bill O'Dell		Cited importance of the FWG to his business (steambath).
Terry Wirta		Cited importance of the FWG to his business (Marine supply).
Carl Whiteman		Cited importance of the FWG to his business (electronics).
Jerene Museth		Cited importance of the FWG to her business in Elfin Cove.
Bruce Gamman		Does not favor limited entry.
Ed Bergeron		Do not close and keep the free enterprise system going.

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Sam Demmert	Yak-tat Kwaan representative from Yakutat. Cited the importance of the FWG to Yakutat.
Ken Mears	Freezer boat representative. Claims 30 boats delivered to Bellingham with an average of 4,000 fish each. Do not make us deliver with heads on.
Don Kenney	No shaker problems on the hambone or west bank areas.
Dan Rear	It is bad economics to close the FWG.
Jack Phillips	I am against all closures, especially N & W of Cape Spencer.
Pete Larson	I was with Toivo Anderson when we found the FWG in 1952.
Joe Ott	This plan has bad information. We need a 10-year study.
Paul Corbin	Cited economics of closing the FWG.
Richard Lundahl	The plan has bad data.
Mary Carson	There were no net marked fish this year, and that means the Japs are not intercepting them at sea.
Rose Miller	Cited the economics of the FWG as it relates to her business (bar).
Roscoe Max	The quality of fish from the FWG is very good. Be a shame to lose this fishery.
Gary McMasters	Don't limit the handtrollers.

COMMENT

The following broad subjects were addressed by those offering oral testimony: POOR DATA BASE, ECONOMICS, CROWDING THE INSHORE FISHERIES, CLOSING THE NET FISHERY AND THE TROLL LOGBOOK PROGRAM.