



# 2017 Ocean Salmon Season



**Fish and Game Commission Teleconference**

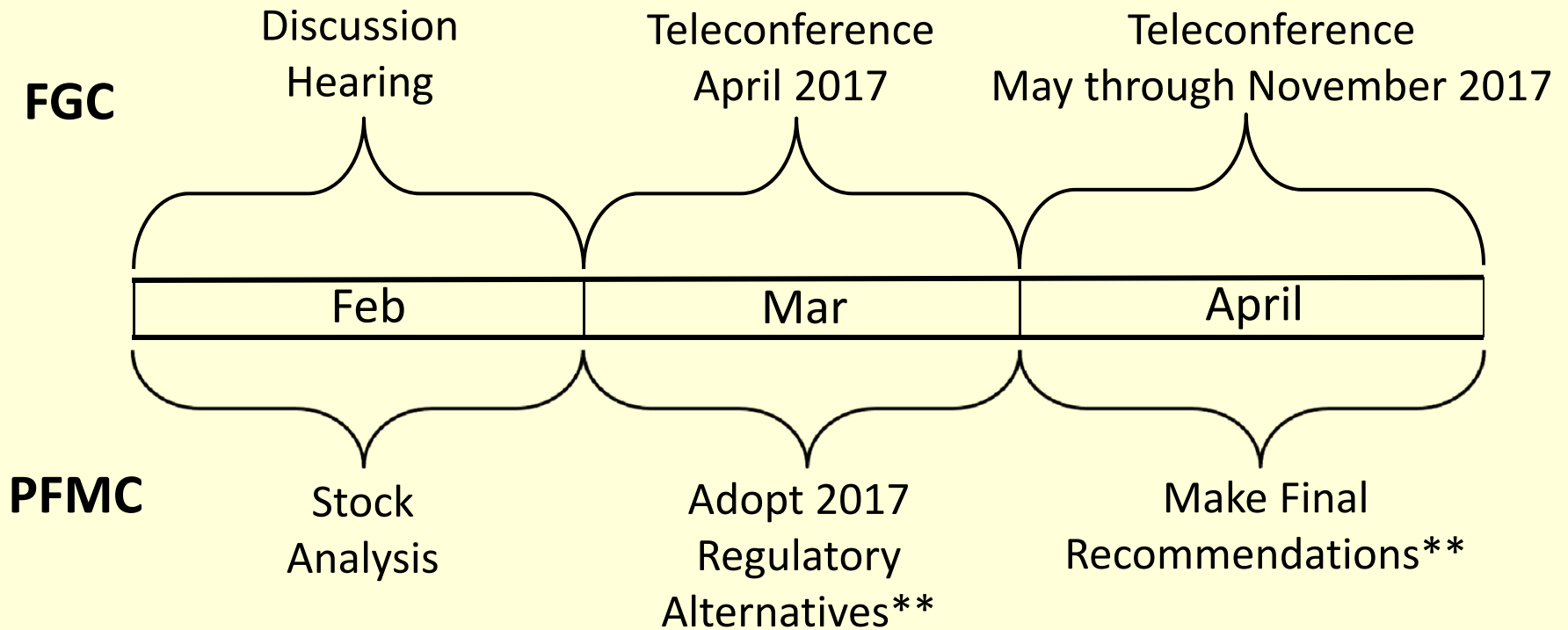
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# Ocean Salmon Regulatory Timeline

## *Review of Proceedings*



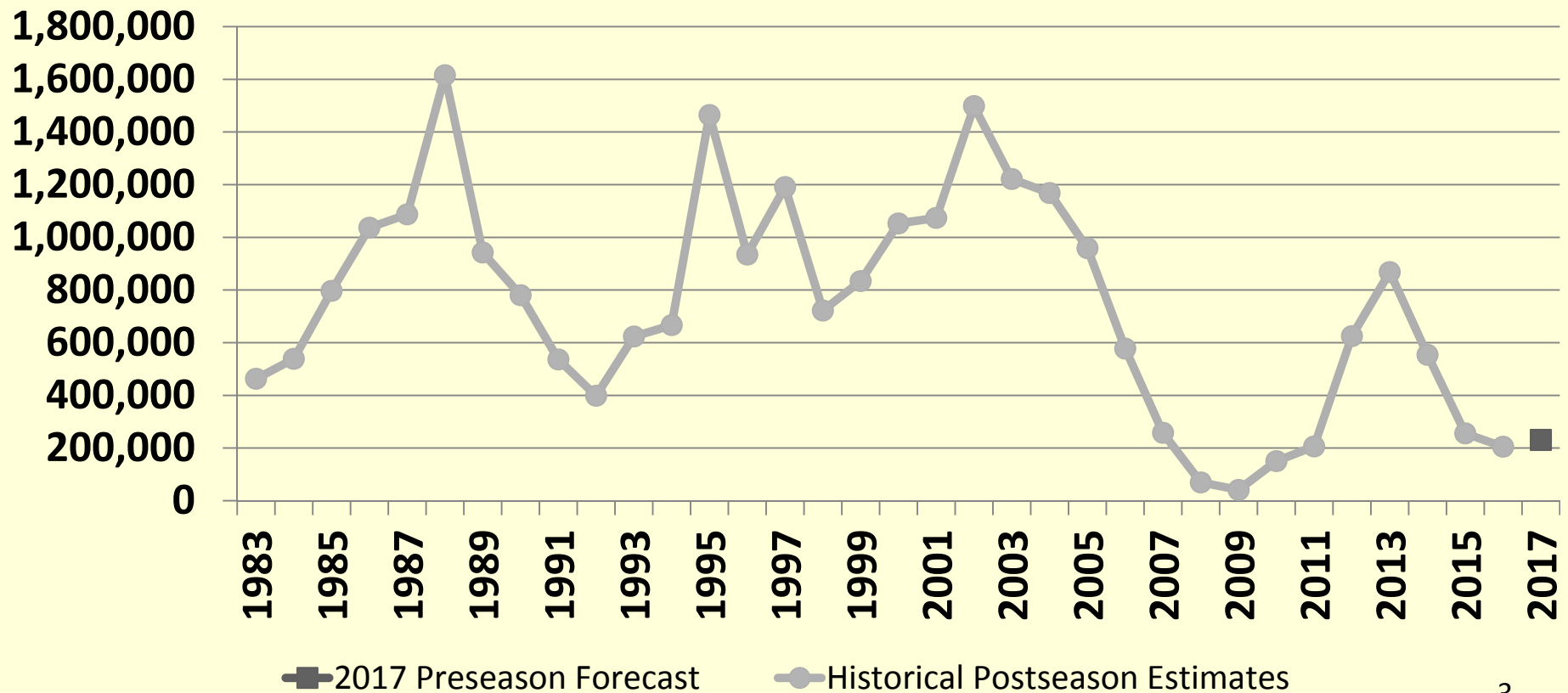
\*\* In effect on or after May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018



# California Focal Species in 2017

## *Sacramento River fall Chinook*

- 2017 Forecast: **230,700**
- Generally the largest salmon run on the west coast, contributing  $\approx 95\%$  of ocean harvest off California

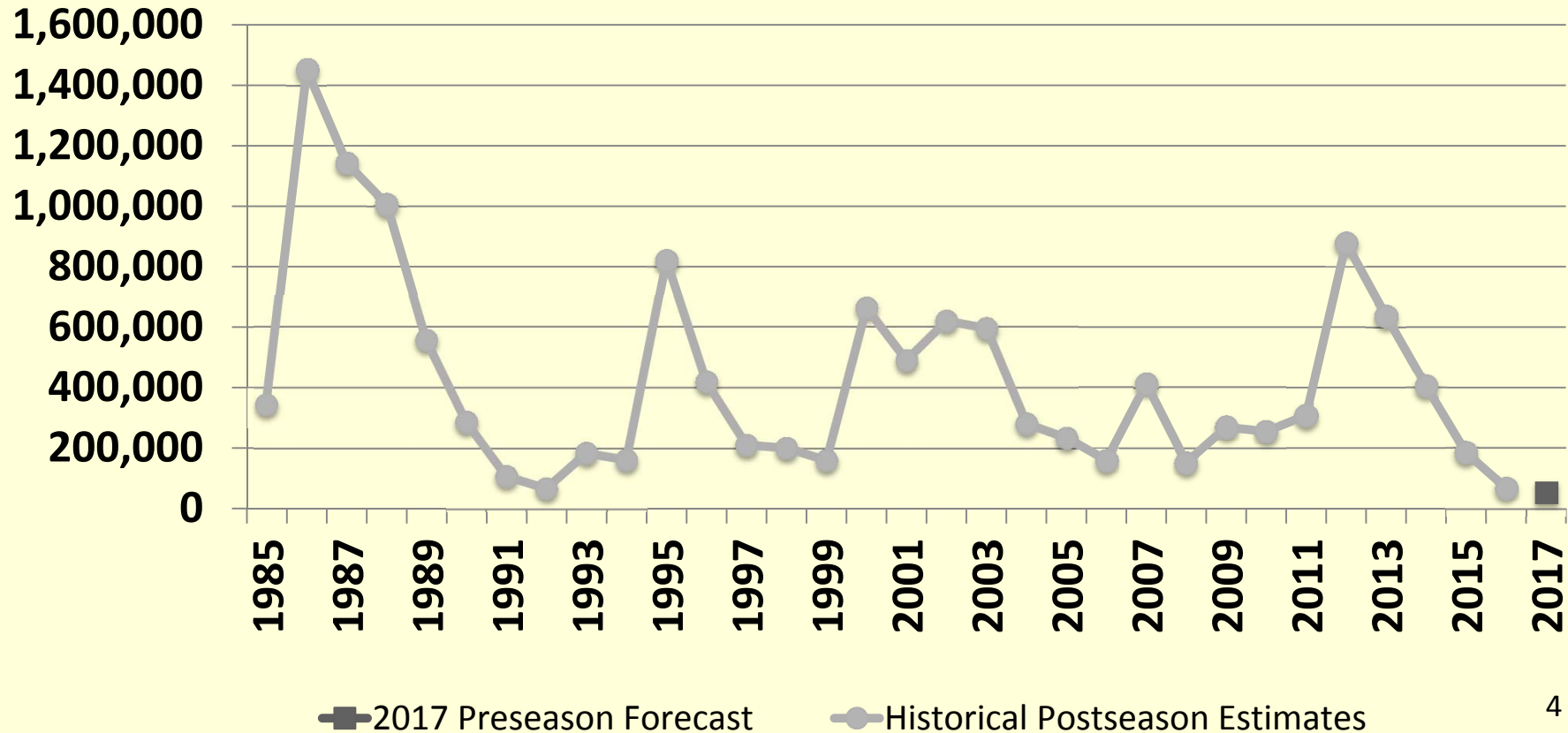




# California Focal Species in 2017

## *Klamath River fall Chinook*

- 2017 ocean abundance forecast: **54,246**
- Maximum allowable exploitation rate: **8.1%**
- Will significantly constrain 2017 fisheries





# California Focal Species in 2017

## *Sacramento River winter Chinook*

- ESA-listed as Endangered
- Spawning escapement continued downward trend in 2016
- CDFW is concerned with the 2013-2016 brood years due to the ongoing drought
- No ocean abundance forecasts are currently available – NMFS currently working on abundance forecast model, but technical challenges remain; hope to have available for 2018 fisheries
- Consistent with recommendations in 2015 and 2016, CDFW recommended extra measures above and beyond federal consultation standards to provide added protections for SRWC



# Ocean Management Areas

Klamath Management Zone (KMZ)

Horse Mountain

Horse Mountain to Point Arena (FTB)

Point Arena

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (SNF)

Pigeon Point

Pigeon Point to Point Sur (MON-North)

Point Sur

Point Sur to U.S./Mexico Border (MON-South)

Point Conception

Santa Barbara

Crescent City

Eureka

Shelter Cove

Ft. Bragg

Bodega Bay

Half Moon Bay

Monterey

Morro Bay



# PFMC Advisory Process

- The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) is an advisory body to the PFMC comprised of industry, conservation, and public representatives
  - » SAS plays large role in developing three annual salmon management alternatives
- Proposed alternatives analyzed by the Salmon Technical Team to ensure each meets management objectives for salmon stocks of special concern (e.g. Winter-run)
  - » Alternatives reviewed and commented on by the public
- Final seasons decided by the Pacific Fishery Management Council's voting members, including from CDFW and NMFS



# 2017 Klamath Decision Making

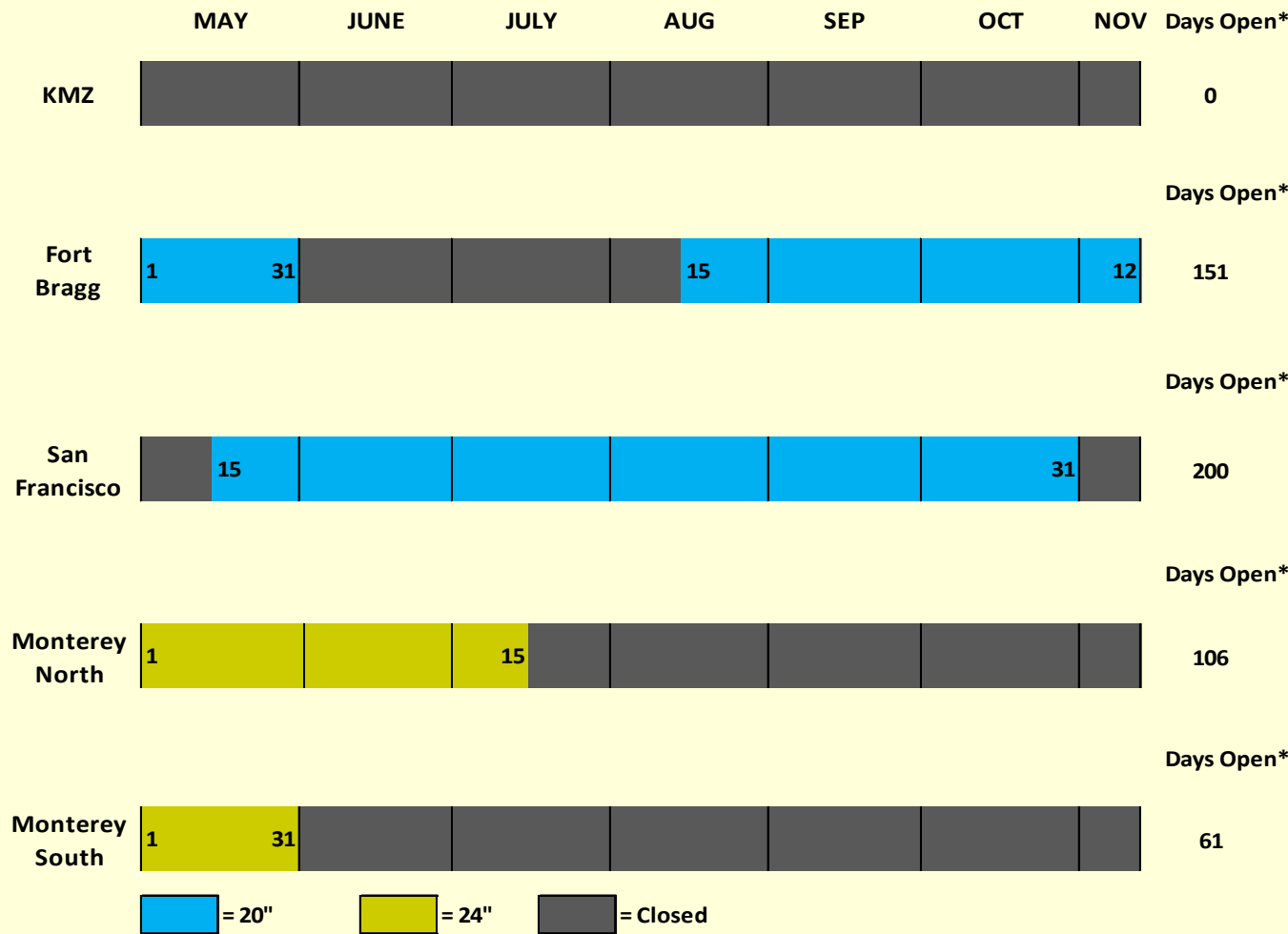
- Fishing activities around immediate vicinity of Klamath River are most likely to contact Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC)
- Because the allowable exploitation rate is so low, a complete closure of the KMZ was recommended by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel and Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Oregon recommended closure of Chinook salmon fisheries in the areas south of the Florence South Jetty, including the Oregon KMZ, and shortened their Coho fishery to minimize impacts to KRFC
- Closing the KMZ in CA and OR preserved fishing opportunities in areas distant from the Klamath epicenter because they are expected to have *de minimis* impacts on KRFC



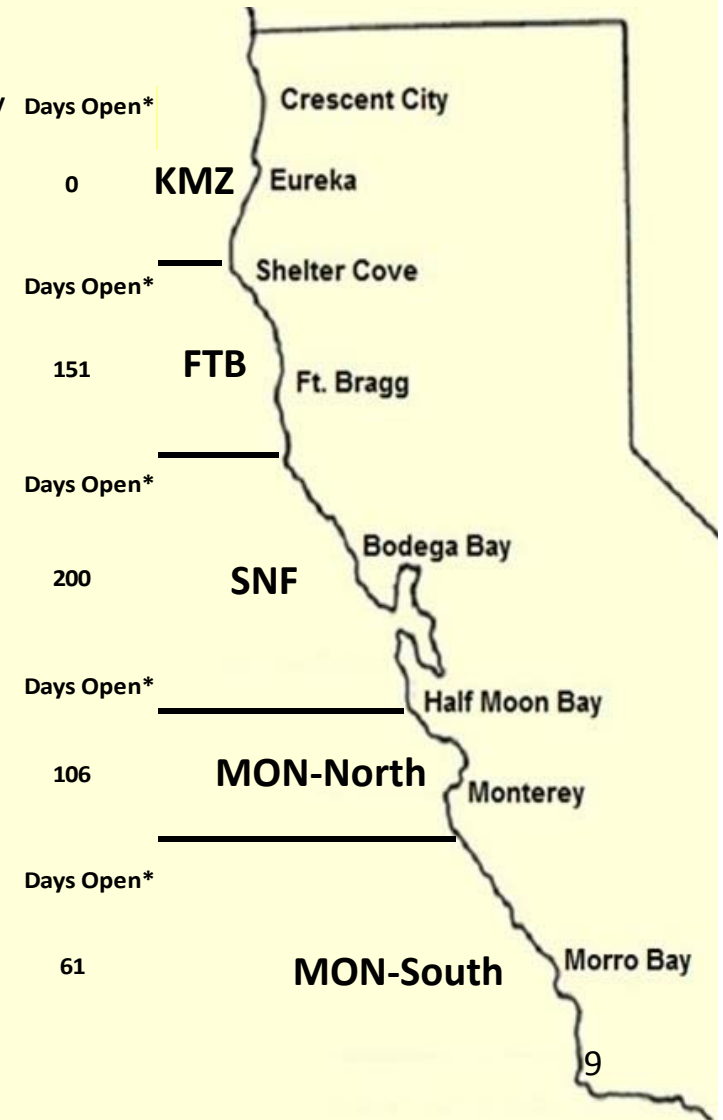


# May – November 2017

## Proposed Regulations – Recreational Fishery



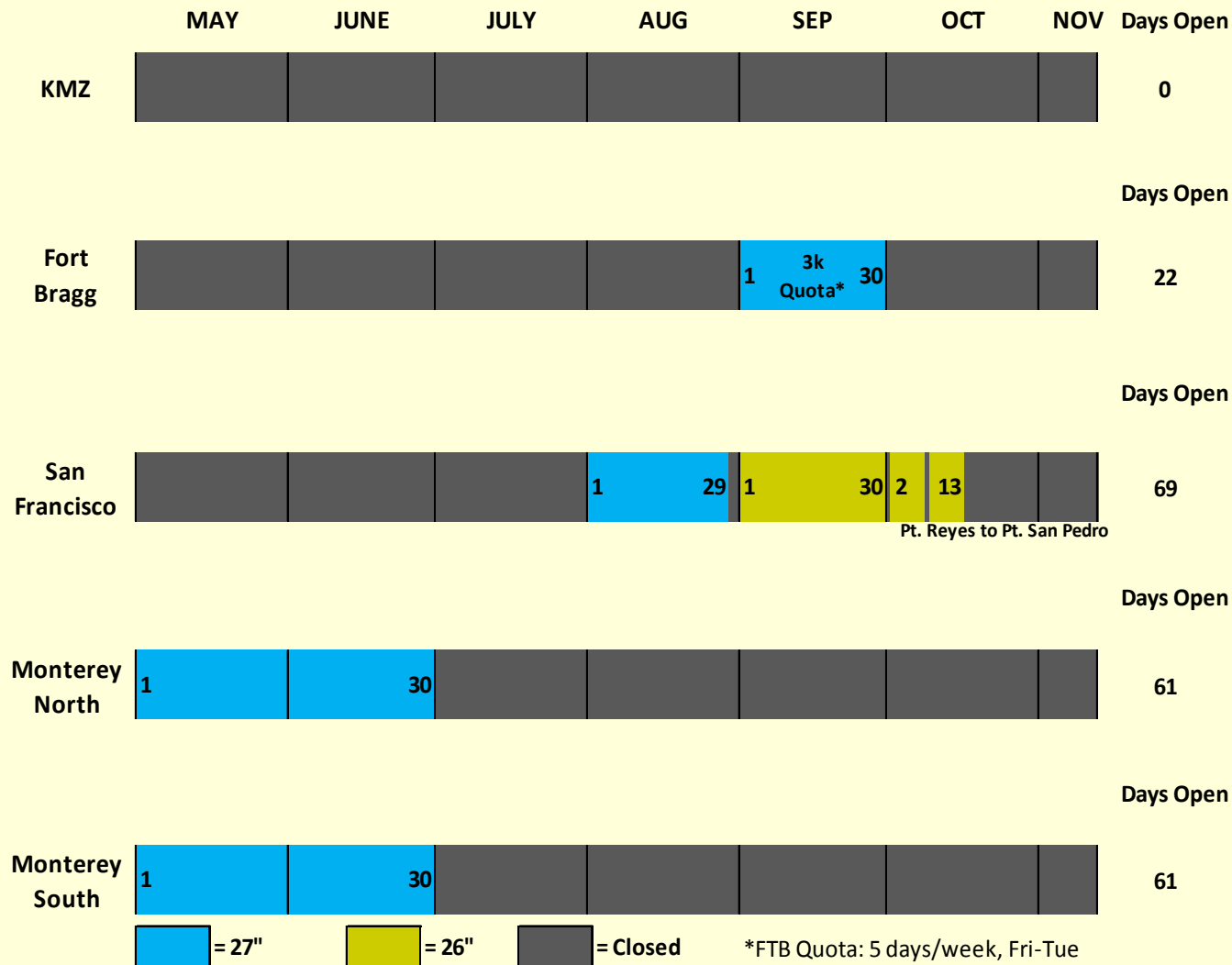
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## Adopted Regulations – Commercial Fishery





Questions



Thank You



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