

Salmon Season 2009

Aug. 29 – Sept. 7

The City of Eureka Harbor Staff have been preparing for the 2009 Salmon Season for the past several months, in cooperation with the Harbor District, Coast Guard, Fish and Game, and Sheriff and EPD. I have included some general information on those preparations and anticipations. There will be so many anglers in town that there are bound to have some questions that I hope this information will help with.

- All available boat slips have been rented (since May). We made extra efforts to utilize every foot of dock space to accommodate as many boats as possible. Our waitlist for slips grew to 100+ just for the season.
- The Main focus for staffing will be focused on the Launch Areas. It is my goal to have at least one personnel at each launch to insure a smooth flow. All boats will be asked to launch and pick up passengers on the marina dock as to not block the ramp.
- The water stand pipe next to the south launch will be dismantled to avoid ramp blockage. Anglers will need to go to a carwash or home to wash down their boats.
- **SAFETY:** Information regarding daily updated weather and ocean conditions will be posted at each ramp. An information bulletin (attached) will be distributed to all anglers regarding vessel safety, no wake zones, right of way, etc.
- Harbor staff has prepared additional trailer parking west of the Wharfinger Building and East of the Samoa Bridge launch. Signage is in place to direct boaters.
- I have notified EPD regarding the traffic back up of trailers waiting to launch at both ramps. Concerned areas include: **4th and Commercial, Waterfront and Commercial, and Washington and Commercial.** These lines will probably back up all the way into Old Town. Murl Harpham agreed to put out a bulletin to all officers.
- The Marina access gates will be open for extended hours. The restrooms at each ramp will also remain open until 9 PM.

- Fish cleaning stations on the dock will be available to the public for extended hours. 6 yard dumpsters will be located at each ramp for garbage and fish waste.

I anticipate between 200-300 boats launching at each facility if the weather cooperates. This will mean extra staffing and extended shifts for harbor staff. We are excited that the Season is upon us and can only anticipate possible issues. I will have a better idea when the first day is over with.