



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06-06

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN TILLAMOOK,
LINCOLN, COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES AND COASTAL PORTIONS
OF LANE AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES DUE TO KLAMATH RIVER
BASIN CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON OCEAN COMMERCIAL
AND SPORT SALMON FISHING**

Pursuant to ORS 401.055, I find that unexpected changing ocean conditions, prior drought years and poor water quality and parasites within the Klamath River Basin have caused a dramatic decline in Klamath River Basin Chinook Salmon available for harvest by the ocean fishing industry, resulting in the virtual elimination of a viable commercial salmon fishing season, and severe restrictions on the sport salmon fishing season, along the Oregon coast south of Cape Falcon. These conditions have resulted in an imminent emergency.

The commercial salmon fishery has been closed for six weeks and is not expected to reopen this year in Oregon coastal waters south of Florence. North of Florence to Cape Falcon, the season is expected to reopen in June, but will be of an extremely limited scope. On Oregon's southern coast, the recreational fishery is expected to be open only from mid-May until July 4, whereas a typical season would last into early September. These fishing limits will have profound consequences on many communities, including significant increases in unemployment, human suffering, financial losses and other stark economic impacts along the Oregon coast.

The affected areas are Tillamook, Lincoln, Coos and Curry Counties and the coastal portions of Douglas and Lane Counties that are west of Range 8 West, Willamette Meridian. I therefore declare a **State of Emergency** in the abovementioned counties and portions of counties.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. All state agencies shall work in a cooperative and coordinated manner in order to mitigate the impacts of this emergency, provide expedited service and resources to persons and business adversely affected by the emergency, and focus state efforts in a manner most likely to relieve the unemployment, human suffering, financial loss and other economic impacts of this emergency. In addition to the specific measures discussed in this Executive



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- Order, all state agencies are encouraged to think broadly and creatively about actions that agencies can take to address this emergency and shall communicate such ideas to the Office of the Governor. Response to the emergency shall be directed and coordinated by the Office of the Governor.
2. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which operates under the direction of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, is strongly encouraged to develop recreational and commercial fishing seasons, consistent with the federal framework, that help mitigate the effects of this emergency on coastal economies, and to consider establishment of additional commercial salmon fishing opportunities in state waters, as appropriate.
 3. The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development shall pursue all available retraining opportunities for ocean fishing industry workers wishing to pursue alternative employment and shall coordinate the timely delivery of state workforce services and other human and community services to affected workers and families.
 4. The Employment Department shall offer re-employment assistance programs to affected ocean fishing industry workers and shall work with the appropriate state and federal agencies to help affected individuals obtain unemployment insurance to the fullest extent available.
 5. The Department of Housing and Community Services shall work with the Oregon Food Bank to provide additional food and nutritional support for affected Oregonians. Where possible, the Department is directed to work with housing partners to provide additional assistance for emergency shelter, rental housing, and permanent housing for affected households in need. The Department is further directed to work with local community based organizations to provide additional energy assistance and weatherization services to affected Oregonians as appropriate.
 6. The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department shall investigate retraining opportunities for workers in the ocean fishing industry wishing to pursue alternative employment and provide technical assistance to public ports and businesses that experience adverse effects on their operations or revenues due to this emergency.



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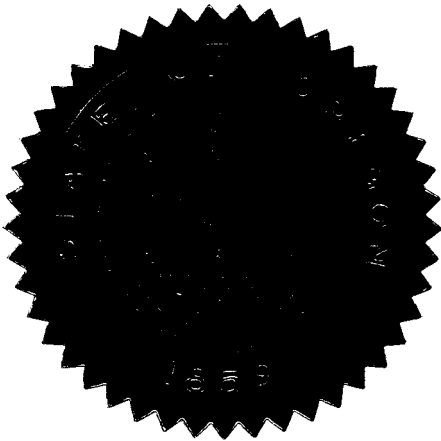
7. The Oregon Department of Agriculture shall work with Oregon Sea Grant, a marine research and education program based at Oregon State University, and their Extension programs, to encourage dialogue between Klamath Basin farmers and the coastal fishing industry regarding management of resources within the Klamath River Basin.
8. The Oregon Department of Revenue shall investigate and pursue options for affected Oregonians to obtain income tax credits and refunds and other financial assistance.
9. The Oregon Tourism Commission is directed to actively inform the public of continued recreational fishing opportunities and other tourism activities along the Oregon Coast and to highlight travel to Oregon's coast, as appropriate within their overall marketing strategies.
10. The Department of Human Services shall continue to provide mental health and treatment services, alcohol and drug treatment services, nutrition programs, domestic violence assistance, and medical assistance to Oregonians in coastal communities with particular attention to the increased needs in coastal communities caused by this emergency.
11. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement board shall provide financial resources to support fish habitat enhancement along critical salmon streams in Oregon, for the purpose of accelerating the rebuilding of fish populations and creating new and meaningful work opportunities for displaced workers.
12. The Office of Emergency Management shall pursue any and all available federal funding or resources to additionally assist in the mitigation of the effects of this emergency.
13. All other state agencies are directed to provide appropriate state resources and to seek any available private and federal dollars to provide emergency assistance to affected individuals, families, businesses and communities and to deliver such assistance in the most expeditious manner.



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14. All state agencies specifically referenced in this Executive Order shall report to me within 60 days of the date of this Executive Order about progress made under this Executive Order and every 60 days thereafter until conclusion of the emergency.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 24th day of April, 2006.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE