

STATUS REPORT OF THE 2008 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF WASHINGTON, OREGON, and CALIFORNIA.

Preliminary Data Through August 31, 2008.

Fishery and Area	Season Dates	Effort Days Fished	CHINOOK			COHO <sup>a/</sup>		
			Catch	Quota	Percent	Catch	Quota	Percent
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>								
Treaty Indian <sup>b/</sup>	5/1-6/30	160	9,424	20,000	47%	Non-Retention		
	7/1-9/15	246	6,309	17,500	36%	3,488	20,000	17%
Non-Indian North of Cape Falcon <sup>c/</sup>	5/3-6/30	1,287	11,113	11,700	95%	Non-Retention		
	7/7-9/16	494	2,628	8,800	30%	1,667	3,000	56%
Cape Falcon - U.S./Mexico Border	Closed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RECREATIONAL</b>								
U.S./Canada Border - Leadbetter Point <sup>c/</sup>	6/1-28	4,183	1,498	8,200	18%	Non-Retention		
U.S./Canada Border - Cape Alava <sup>c/</sup>	7/1-9/13	5,695	1,063	950	112%	2,060	2,060	100%
Cape Alava-Queets River <sup>c/</sup>	7/1-9/13	1,244	543	350	155%	375	540	69%
	9/20-10/5			100	0%		50	0%
Queets River - Leadbetter Pt. <sup>c/</sup>	6/29-9/13	14,902	8,332	5,100	163%	5,920	7,520	79%
Leadbetter Pt.-Cape Falcon <sup>c/</sup>	6/1-28	837	344	4,800	7%	Non-Retention		
	6/29-8/24	13,575	3,341	remainder	70%	10,845	11,380	95%
Cape Falcon - OR/CA Border	6/22-8/15	19,736	Non-Retention			9,883	9,000	110%
OR/CA Border - U.S./Mexico Border	Closed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTALS TO DATE	Effort			Chinook Catch			Coho Catch <sup>a/</sup>		
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
<b>TROLL</b>									
Treaty Indian	406	615	802	15,733	23,038	30,055	3,488	39,996	31,706
Washington Non-Indian	1,154	1,256	1,263	8,354	14,233	14,925	1,301	5,726	974
Oregon	627	4,762	3,325	5,387	33,746	29,104	366	16,408	1,192
California	-	9,131	5,408	-	101,803	45,674	-	-	-
Total Troll	2,187	15,764	10,798	29,474	172,820	119,758	5,155	62,130	33,872
<b>RECREATIONAL</b>									
Washington Non-Indian	36,784	66,832	59,504	14,306	8,459	9,623	17,008	78,678	33,973
Oregon	23,415	75,980	39,449	815	4,917	6,553	12,075	59,544	14,620
California	-	97,918	116,374	-	44,627	91,167	-	691	1,538
Total Recreational	60,199	240,730	215,327	15,121	58,003	107,343	29,083	138,913	50,131
<b>PFMC Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>44,595</b>	<b>230,823</b>	<b>227,101</b>	<b>34,238</b>	<b>201,043</b>	<b>84,003</b>

a/ All non-Indian coho fisheries are mark-selective.

b/ Treaty Indian effort is reported as landings.

c/ Numbers shown as Chinook quotas for non-Indian troll and recreational fisheries North of Falcon are guidelines rather than quotas; only the total Chinook allowable catch is a quota.

TABLE IR-5. Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management, 2008.<sup>a/</sup> (Page 1 of 4)

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND INSEASON CONFERENCES**

Feb. 26	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides the Council with a letter outlining the 2008 management guidance for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
Mar. 13	Based on Council recommendations, NMFS takes inseason action to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. delay the opening for the commercial salmon fishery between Cape Falcon, Oregon and the OR/CA border from March 15 to April 15;</li> <li>2. close the commercial salmon fishery from Horse Mt., California to Point Arena effective April 7;</li> <li>3. delay the opening for the recreational salmon fishery between Cape Falcon, Oregon and Humbug Mt., Oregon from March 15 to April 15;</li> <li>4. close the recreational salmon fishery from Horse Mt., California to Point Arena effective April 1;</li> <li>5. close the recreational salmon fishery from Point Arena, California to the U.S./Mexico border effective April 5.</li> </ol> <p>New regulations to take effect May 1, 2008.</p>
Mar. 14	Council adopts three commercial and recreational ocean salmon fishery management options for public review.
Mar. 18	North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Olympia, Washington to initiate consideration of recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Council holds public hearings on proposed 2008 management options in Westport, Washington, Coos Bay, Oregon, and Eureka, California.
Apr. 1	North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Lynnwood, Washington to further consider recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
Apr. 9	Based on Council recommendations, NMFS takes inseason action to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. close the commercial salmon fishery between Cape Falcon, Oregon and the OR/CA border effective April 15;</li> <li>2. close the recreational salmon fishery between Cape Falcon, Oregon and Humbug Mt., Oregon effective April 15.</li> </ol> <p>New regulations to take effect May 1, 2008.</p>
Apr. 10	Council adopts final ocean salmon fishery management recommendations for approval and implementation by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The proposed measures comply with the salmon fishery management plan (FMP) and the current biological opinions for listed species except that the Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement is projected to be 59,100, less than the 122,000-180,000 FMP conservation objective; therefore, an emergency rule is required for implementation of fisheries south of Cape Falcon, Oregon.
May 4	Ocean salmon seasons implemented as recommended by the Council and published in the <i>Federal Register</i> on May 1 (73 FR 23971).
June 19	NMFS inseason conference number three for the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon except coho fishery results in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. changing the landing and possession limit to 35 Chinook north of Leadbetter Point or 35 Chinook south of Leadbetter Point, per open period effective June 21;</li> <li>2. closing the fishery effective 11:59 p.m. June 24.</li> </ol>
June 20	NMFS inseason conference number four results in changing the bag limit to allow retention of two Chinook effective June 21 for the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian recreational all-salmon except coho fishery and the all species fishery scheduled to open June 29 in the Columbia River and Westport subareas and July 1 in the La Push and Neah Bay subareas.
July 24	NMFS inseason conference number three results in changing the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon recreational fishery to open seven days per week and to allow retention of two Chinook in the bag limit beginning August 11.

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**GENERAL MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND INSEASON CONFERENCES** (continued)

July 30	NMFS inseason conference number five for the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon except coho fishery results in changing the landing and possession limit to 50 Chinook north of Leadbetter Point or 50 Chinook south of Leadbetter Point, per open period effective August 2.
Aug.12	NMFS inseason conference number six results in closing the recreational mark selective coho fishery between Cape Falcon, Oregon and the OR/CA border effective 11:59 p.m. August 14 as the quota was reached.
Aug. 13	NMFS inseason conference number seven for the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-species fisheries results in lifting the 6-inch plug only gear restriction effective August 16.
Aug. 15	NMFS inseason conference number eight for the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial and Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon recreational all-species fisheries results in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. trading 1,000 coho from the commercial fishery quota for 500 Chinook from the recreational fishery quota, resulting in increasing the commercial Chinook quota by 500 to 8,800, and increasing the Columbia River subarea coho quota by 1,200 to 11,380. The coho trade was impact neutral for lower Columbia River natural coho due to lower hook and release mortality in the recreational fishery.</li> <li>2. closing the Columbia River subarea recreational fishery effective 2:00 p.m. August 17 as the coho quota was reached.</li> </ol>
Aug. 25	NMFS inseason conference number nine for the U.S./Canada border to Leadbetter Point, recreational all-species fishery results in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. closing the Neah Bay subarea fishery west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line effective August 26 as the coho quota was reached. The state waters Area 4B add-on fishery east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line will occur as planned beginning August 26;</li> <li>2. allowing fishing seven days per week in the La Push and Westport subarea recreational fisheries effective August 26.</li> </ol>

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS**

May 1	<p>Pigeon Point to Point Sur, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through May 31 with a 75 Chinook per vessel per calendar week landing and possession limit; fish must be landed south of Point Arena; Chinook minimum size limit 27 inches total length.</p> <p>Point Sur to U.S./Mexico border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 30; fish must be landed south of Pigeon Point; Chinook minimum size limit 27 inches total length in May, June, and September and 28 inches in July and August.</p>
May 3-June 17	U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens Saturday to Tuesday through June 17 with an 11,700 Chinook quota, and a landing and possession limit of 50 Chinook north of Leadbetter Point or 50 Chinook south of Leadbetter Point., per vessel per open period.
June 21-24	U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens Saturday to Tuesday through June 24 with the remainder of the 11,700 Chinook quota, and a landing and possession limit of 35 Chinook north of Leadbetter Point or 35 Chinook south of Leadbetter Point, per vessel for the final four day open period.

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**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS** (continued)

- July 1- Sept. 16 U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon fishery opens through the earlier of September 16 or quotas (post trade) of 8,800 Chinook and 3,000 marked (adipose fin clipped) coho.  
 July 1 through August 12: Saturday to Tuesday, with a 35 Chinook and 25 marked coho north of Leadbetter Point or 35 Chinook and 25 marked coho south of Leadbetter Point, per vessel per open period landing and possession limit. Gear is restricted to plugs six inches or longer.  
 August 16 through September 16: Saturday to Tuesday, with a 35 Chinook and 25 marked coho north of Leadbetter Point or 35 Chinook and 25 marked coho south of Leadbetter Point, per vessel per open period landing and possession limit. No special gear restrictions.

**TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS**

- May 1 All-salmon-except-coho fisheries open through the earlier of June 30 or a 20,000 Chinook quota.  
 June 30 All-salmon-except-coho fisheries close as scheduled.  
 July 1 All-salmon fisheries open through the earlier of September 15, a 17,500 Chinook quota, or a 20,000 non-mark-selective coho quota.  
 Sep. 15 Scheduled closure of all-salmon commercial fisheries.

**RECREATIONAL SEASONS**

- Feb. 17 Horse Mt. to Point Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through March 31.  
 June 1/3 U.S./Canada border to Leadbetter Point, all-salmon except coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 28 or an 8,200 Chinook quota. Fishery is open Sunday to Friday south of the Queets River and Tuesday to Saturday north of the Queets River; a daily-bag-limit of two fish (no coho), only one of which can be a Chinook, through June 20. Beginning June 21 the bag limit is a two fish (no coho) with no Chinook bag restriction.  
 June 1 Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon, all-salmon except coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 28 or a 5,300 Chinook guideline. Fishery is open Sunday to Friday; a daily-bag-limit of two fish (no coho), only one of which can be a Chinook, through June 20. Beginning June 21 the bag limit is a two fish (no coho) with no Chinook bag restriction.  
 June 22 Cape Falcon to OR/CA border, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery opens through the earlier of August 31, or a quota of 9,000 marked coho.  
 June 26/28 U.S./Canada border to Leadbetter Point, all-salmon except coho fishery closes as scheduled.  
 June 28 Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon, all-salmon except coho fishery closes as scheduled.  
 June 29 Queets River to Leadbetter Point, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery opens through the earlier of September 13 or a 7,520 marked coho quota, with a 5,100 Chinook guideline. Fishery is open Sunday to Thursday with a daily-bag-limit of two fish through August 21. Beginning August 24 the fishery is open seven days per week. All coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.  
 June 29 Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery opens through the earlier of September 30 or an 11,380 (post trade) marked coho quota, with the remainder of the 4,600 (post trade) Chinook guideline. Fishery is open Sunday to Thursday with a daily-bag-limit of two fish. All coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.

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**RECREATIONAL SEASONS, (continued)**

July 1	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Alava, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery opens through the earlier of September 13 or a 2,060 coho quota, with a 950 Chinook guideline. Fishery is open Tuesday to Saturday with a daily-bag-limit of two fish. All coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. No chum retention in August and September.</p> <p>Cape Alava to Queets River, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery opens through the earlier of September 13 or a 540 coho quota, with a 350 Chinook guideline. Fishery is open Tuesday to Saturday with a daily-bag-limit of two fish through August 23. Beginning August 26 the fishery is open seven days per week with a two fish bag limit and no Chinook bag restriction. All coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.</p>
Aug. 14	<p>Cape Falcon to OR/CA border, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery closes as the quota is reached.</p>
Aug. 17	<p>Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery closes effective 2 p.m. as the coho quota is reached.</p>
Aug. 23	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Alava, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery closes as the coho quota is reached.</p>
Sep. 13	<p>Scheduled closure of the Cape Alava to Queets River, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery.</p> <p>Scheduled closure of the Queets River to Leadbetter Point, all-salmon non-mark-selective fishery.</p>
Sep. 20	<p>La Push area (48°00'00" N. Lat. to 47°50'00" N. Lat.), all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery opens through the earlier of October 5, a 100 Chinook quota or a 50 coho quota.</p>
Oct. 5	<p>Scheduled closure of the La Push area, all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery.</p>

<sup>a/</sup> Unless stated otherwise, season openings or modifications of restrictions are effective at 0001 hours of the listed date. Closures are effective at 2359 hours of the listed date.