SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PROPOSED INITIAL SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR 2023 NON-INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES

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The SAS membership appreciates the good working relationship we have within the advisory body and with the other Council participants in our task of shaping the salmon fisheries for the Pacific Council. The collaborative and supportive spirit of the group makes the extremely challenging and frustrating years such as this easier to bear. In that spirit the SAS drafted this report to help provide clarity on the salmon season alternatives being presented to the council today.

The SAS has submitted the three alternatives with nearly no directed chinook fisheries South of Falcon. The information provided on the status of the Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC), California Coastal Chinook, and Klamath River Fall Chinook stocks showed they are all in a depressed state. Each of these stocks have on average been over forecast for the last 10 years and despite efforts to address the biases within the models we have not realized the pre-season expectations.

NMFS provided guidance for each stock and it was immediately apparent that, given the status of three stocks mentioned above, fishing opportunity will be severely constrained. For SRFC the Sacramento Index estimates an ocean abundance of 169,000 fish. This is below the 180,000 spawning escapement target in 2022. Our 2023 guidance was that we needed to take extraordinary measures to meet the spawning escapement goal the harvest control rule dictates (122,000 -180,000), and account for the average model error observed over the past ten years.

The minimum escapement for SRFC is 122,000. If you account for the 40% average overprediction of the last decade this reduces the 169,000 fish to approximately 100,000 fish. So, even absent fishing we will still not be able to meet the minimum escapement needed to maintain a sustainable population let alone a sustainable fishery. Additionally, if SRFC escapement is below 117,000, the recently rebuilt SRFC stock will return to an overfished status.

The details regarding California Coastal and Klamath River Fall Chinook may differ but the overarching story is the same.

Given this information, both California and Oregon representatives from all sectors recommended a full closure of all Chinook directed fisheries before September 1. Oregon maintains alternatives that incorporate a coho fishery, and also include a Fall "Credit Card" Fishery to allow harvest of healthy Oregon stocks while impacts to California stocks are minimal or absent. The SAS feels that the only responsible action for this year is to close all Chinook directed fisheries South of Falcon and that is reflected in the season structures we have recommended.

	A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS	
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
North of Cape Falcon	North of Cape Falcon	North of Cape Falcon
Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information
Model #: Coho-2301, Chinook 0123	Model #: Coho-2302, Chinook 0223	Model #: Coho-2303, Chinook 0323
Overall non-Indian TAC:85,000 Chinook and 200,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked).	Overall non-Indian TAC: 75,000 Chinook and 185,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked).	Overall non-Indian TAC: 65,000 Chinook and 170,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin cli (marked).
Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 42,500 Chinook and 32,000 marked coho.	Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 37,500 Chinook and 29,600 marked coho.	2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 32,500 Chinook
3.Trade: May be considered at the April Council meeting.	3. Trade: Same as Alternative 1.	and 27,200 marked coho.
4. Overall Chinook and/or coho TACs may need to be	4. Same as Alternative 1.	3. Trade: Same as Alternative 1.
reduced or fisheries adjusted to meet NMFS ESA guidance, FMP requirements, upon conclusion of negotiations in the North of Falcon forum, or upon receipt of preseason catch and abundance expectations for Canadian and Alaskan fisheries.		4. Same as Alternative
ALTERNATIVE I	A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS	ALTERNATIVE III
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
 U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon May 1-15. See 2022 management measures, which are subject to inseason action and the 2023 season described below. 	 U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon May 1-15. See 2022 management measures, which are subject to inseason action and the 2023 season described below. 	 U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon May 1-15. See 2022 management measures, whi are subject to inseason action and the 2023 seas described below.
 May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 28,300 Chinook. No more than 7,500 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River, and no more than 6,570 of which may be caught in the area between Leadbetter Pt. and Cape Falcon (C.8). May 16 – June 21; open seven days per week 	May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 25,000 Chinook. No more than 6,630 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River, and no more than 5,810 of which may be caught in the area between Leadbetter Pt. and Cape Falcon (C.8). Same as Alternative 1	May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 16,2 Chinook. No more than 4,310 of which may caught in the area between the U.S./Canada bord and the Queets River, and no more than 3,770 which may be caught in the area between Leadbet Pt. and Cape Falcon (C.8). Open five days per week (Fri. Tupe.) (C.1)
(C.1); then • June 22 – June 29;		Open five days per week (FriTues.) (C.1).
In the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River the landing and possession limit is 70 Chinook per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.) and June 22-29. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).	In the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River, the landing and possession limit is 60 Chinook per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.) and June 22-29. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).	In the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River, the landing and possession limit is 50 Chinook per vessel per open period (FriTues.). Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C. C.6).
In the area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Pt. the landing and possession limit is 200 Chinook per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.) and June 22-29. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).	In the area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Pt. the landing and possession limit is 100 Chinook per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.) and June 22-29. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).	In the area between the Queets River and Leadbette Pt. the landing and possession limit is 50 Chinook possessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Landing limit will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).

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ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
North of Cape Falcon	North of Cape Falcon	North of Cape Falcon
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (continued)	U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (continued)	U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (continued)
In the area between Leadbetter Pt. and Cape Falcon the landing and possession limit is 60 Chinook per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.) and June 22-29. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).	In the area between Leadbetter Pt. and Cape Falcon landing and possession limit of 50 Chinook per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.) and June 22-29. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).	In the area between Leadbetter Pt. and Cape Falcon the landing and possession limit is 40 Chinook per vessel per open period (Fri-Tues.). Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason (C.1, C.6).
All salmon, except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1
When it is estimated that approximately 50% of the overall Chinook quota or any Chinook subarea guideline has been landed, inseason action may be considered to ensure the quota and subarea guidelines are not exceeded.	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1
If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the all-salmon season (C.5).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1
In 2024, the season will open May 1 consistent with all preseason regulations in place in this area and subareas during May 16-June 30, 2023, including subarea salmon guidelines and quotas and weekly vessel limits except as described below for vessels fishing or in possession of salmon north of Leadbetter Point. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2024 meetings.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1

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A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS				
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III		
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon	U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon	U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon		
• July 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 14,200 Chinook or 32,000 coho. (C.8).	July 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 12,500 Chinook or 29,600 coho. (C.8).	July 14 through the earlier of September 30, or 16,250 Chinook or 27,200 coho. (C.8).		
Open seven days per week. All salmon. Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length. Coho minimum size limit of 16 inches total length (B, C.1). All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.8.d). No chum retention north of Cape Alava, Washington in August and September (C.4, C.7). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Same as Alternative 1. (C.1).	Same as Alternative 1, except open five days per week (FriTues.) (C.1).		
Landing and possession limit of 100 Chinook and 150 marked coho per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Landing limits will be evaluated weekly, inseason (C.1).	Landing and possession limit of 50 Chinook and 100 marked coho per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Landing limits will be evaluated weekly, inseason (C.1).	Landing and possession limit of 50 marked coho per vessel per open period (FriTues.). Landing limits will be evaluated weekly, inseason (C.1).		
When it is estimated that approximately 50% of the overall Chinook quota has been landed, inseason action may be considered to ensure the quota is not exceeded.	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1		
An impact neutral, non-selective coho fishery may be considered through inseason management action later in the season.	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1		

For all commercial troll fisheries north of Cape Falcon:

Mandatory closed areas include Salmon troll Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery, and Columbia Control Zones.

Vessels must land and deliver their salmon within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery.

Vessels may not land fish east of the Sekiu River or east of the Megler-Astoria bridge.

Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon <u>north</u> of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver all species of fish in a Washington port and must possess a Washington troll and/or salmon delivery license. <u>For delivery to Washington ports south of Leadbetter Point</u>, vessels must notify the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at 360-249-1215 prior to crossing the Leadbetter Point line with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard, and destination with approximate time of delivery. **During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line may be fished** (C.11).

Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing <u>south</u> of Leadbetter Point must land and deliver all species of fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point, except that Oregon permitted vessels may also land all species of fish in Garibaldi, Oregon. All Chinook caught north of Cape Falcon and being delivered by boat to Garibaldi must meet the minimum legal total length of 28 inches for Chinook for south of Cape Falcon seasons unless the season in waters off Garibaldi have been closed for Chinook retention for more than 48 hours (C.1.).

Under state law, vessels must report their catch on a state fish receiving ticket. Oregon State regulations require all fishers landing salmon into Oregon from any fishery between Leadbetter Point, Washington and Cape Falcon, Oregon to notify ODFW within one hour of delivery or prior to transport away from the port of landing by either calling 541-857-2546 or sending notification via e-mail to nfalcon.trollreport@odfw.oregon.gov. Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, port of landing and location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery. Inseason actions may modify harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.8).

Vessels in possession of salmon <u>north of the Queets River</u> may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW at 360-249-1215 with area fished, total Chinook, coho and halibut catch aboard, and destination. Vessels in possession of salmon <u>south of the Queets River</u> may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW at 360-249-1215 with area fished, total Chinook, coho and halibut catch aboard, and destination. (C.11). Inseason actions may modify harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.8).

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A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS				
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II ALTERNATIVE III			
South of Cape Falcon	South of Cape Falcon South of Cape Falcon			
Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information		
Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of X hatchery and natural area adults.	Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of X hatchery and natural area adults.	Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of X hatchery and natural area adults.		
2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of X %.	Sacramento Index exploitation rate of X%.	Sacramento Index exploitation rate of X%.		
Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath River recreational fishery allocation X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.		
Klamath tribal allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath tribal allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath tribal allocation: x adult Klamath River fall Chinook.		
5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: X % / X %.	5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: X% / X%.	5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: X% / X%.		
6. Overall commercial troll coho TAC: X.	Overall commercial troll coho TAC: X,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked),	6. Overall commercial troll coho TAC: X.		
Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the California Fish and Game Commission.	Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the California Fish and Game Commission.	Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the California Fish and Game Commission.		

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A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS				
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III		
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • September 1-October 31 (C.9.a).	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • September 1-October 31 (C.9.a).	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. October 1-31 (C.9.a).		
Open seven days per week. All salmon, through the earlier of September 30 or reaching the 10,000 non mark-selective coho quota; all salmon except coho thereafter. (C.4, C.7). Coho minimum size limit of 16 inches total length, and Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length (B, C.1). All vessels fishing in the area must land their salmon in the State of Oregon. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho. (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length (B, C.1). All vessels fishing in the area must land their salmon in the State of Oregon. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho. (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length (B, C.1). All vessels fishing in the area must land their salmon in the State of Oregon. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).		
No more than 100 Chinook allowed per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Vessel limits may be modified inseason.	No more than 75 Chinook allowed per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Vessel limits may be modified inseason.	No more than 75 Chinook allowed per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Vessel limits may be modified inseason.		
Coho quota of 10,000 non-mark selective. No more than 50 coho allowed per vessel per landing week (ThursWed.). Vessel limits may be modified inseason.				
Any remainder of the non-mark-selective coho quota from the recreational fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain may be transferred inseason on an impact neutral basis.				
In 2024, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length. Gear restrictions same as in 2023. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, Same as Alternative 1	In 2024, Same as Alternative 1		
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) • Closed.	Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) • Closed.	Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) • Closed.		
In 2024, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length. Gear restrictions same as in 2023. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1		

A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS				
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III		
OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ) Closed.	OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ) Closed.	OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ) Closed.		
In 2024, the season will open May 1 through the earlier of May 31, or a 3,000 Chinook quota. Chinook minimum size imit of 27 inches total length. Landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per vessel per day (C.8.f). Open five days per week (FriTue.). All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Any remaining portion of Chinook quotas may be transferred inseason on an impact neutral basis to the next open quota period (C.8.b). All fish caught in this area must be landed within the area, within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery (C.6), and prior to fishing outside the area (C.10). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Klamath Control Zone closed (C.5.e). See California State regulations for an additional closure adjacent to the Smith River. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March or April 2024 meetings.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1		
Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N. Closed.	Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N. Closed.	Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N. • Closed.		
Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) Closed.	Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) • Closed.	Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) • Closed.		
In 2024, the season will open April 16 for all salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). Gear restrictions same as in 2023 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1		

When the fishery is closed between the OR/CA border and Humbug Mountain and open to the south, vessels with fish on board caught in the open area off California may seek temporary mooring in Brookings, Oregon prior to landing in California only if such vessels first notify the Chetco River Coast Guard Station via VHF channel 22A between the hours of 0500 and 2200 and provide the vessel name, number of fish on board, and estimated time of arrival (C.6)..

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ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II ALTERNATIVE III				
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco) Closed.	Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco) Closed.	Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco) Closed.			
In 2024, the season will open May 1 for all salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). Gear restrictions same as in 2023 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March or April 2024 meeting.	In 2024, Same as Alternative 1	In 2024, Same as Alternative 1			
Point Reyes to Point San Pedro (Fall Area Target Zone) Closed.	Point Reyes to Point San Pedro (Fall Area Target Zone) Closed	Point Reyes to Point San Pedro (Fall Area Target Zone) Closed			
Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey) Closed.	Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey) • Closed.	Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey) • Closed.			
In 2024, the season will open May 1 for all salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). Gear restrictions same as in 2023 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March or April 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1			

California State regulations require all salmon be made available to a CDFW representative for sampling immediately at port of landing. Any person in possession of a salmon with a missing adipose fin, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the CDFW, shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon to the State (California Fish and Game Code §8226).

B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches) (See C.1)

	Chir	Chinook		Coho	
Area (when open)	Total Length	Head-off	Total Length	Head-off	Pink
North of Cape Falcon	27	20.5	16	12	None
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	28	21.5	16	12	None
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	28	21.5	-	-	None
OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty	-	-	-	-	-
Latitude 40°10' N. to Pt. Arena	-	-	-	-	-
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border (Alt. 3)	-	-	-	-	-

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS

C.1. Compliance with Minimum Size or Other Special Restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if the area is open or has been closed less than 48 hours for that species of salmon. Salmon may be landed in an area that has been closed for a species of salmon more than 48 hours only if they meet the minimum size, landing/possession limit, or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught. Salmon may not be filleted prior to landing.

Any person who is required to report a salmon landing by applicable state law must include on the state landing receipt for that landing both the number and weight of salmon landed by species. States may require fish landing/receiving tickets be kept on board the vessel for 90 days or more after landing to account for all previous salmon landings.

C.2. Gear Restrictions:

- a. Salmon may be taken only by hook and line using single point, single shank, barbless hooks.
- b. Cape Falcon, Oregon, to the OR/CA border: No more than 4 spreads are allowed per line.
- c. OR/CA border to U.S./Mexico border. No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel, and barbless circle hooks are required when fishing with bait by any means other than trolling.

C.3. Gear Definitions:

Trolling defined: Fishing from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions. Troll fishing gear defined: One or more lines that drag hooks behind a moving fishing vessel engaged in trolling. In that portion of the fishery management area off Oregon and Washington, the line or lines must be affixed to the vessel and must not be intentionally disengaged from the vessel at any time during the fishing operation.

Spread defined: A single leader connected to an individual lure and/or bait.

Circle hook defined: A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90° angle.

C.4. Vessel Operation in Closed Areas with Salmon on Board:

- a. Except as provided under C.4.b below, it is unlawful for a vessel to have troll or recreational gear in the water while in any area closed to fishing for a certain species of salmon, while possessing that species of salmon; however, fishing for species other than salmon is not prohibited if the area is open for such species, and no salmon are in possession.
- b. When Genetic Stock Identification (GSI) samples will be collected in an area closed to commercial salmon fishing, the scientific research permit holder shall notify NOAA OLE, USCG, CDFW, WDFW, ODFW, and OSP at least 24 hours prior to sampling and provide the following information: the vessel name, date, location, and time collection activities will be done. Any vessel collecting GSI samples in a closed area shall not possess any salmon other than those from which GSI samples are being collected. Salmon caught for collection of GSI samples must be immediately released in good condition after collection of samples.

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C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (Continued)

C.5. Control Zone Definitions:

- a. Cape Flattery Control Zone The area from Cape Flattery (48°23'00" N. lat.) to the northern boundary of the U.S. EEZ; and the area from Cape Flattery south to Cape Alava (48°10'00" N. lat.) and east of 125°05'00" W. long.
- b. Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area The area in Washington Marine Catch Area 3 from 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°14.00' W. long. to 48°02.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. to 48°02.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long.
- c. Grays Harbor Control Zone The area defined by a line drawn from the Westport Lighthouse (46° 53'18" N. lat., 124° 07'01" W. long.) to Buoy #2 (46° 52'42" N. lat., 124°12'42" W. long.) to Buoy #3 (46° 55'00" N. lat., 124°14'48" W. long.) to the Grays Harbor north jetty (46° 55'36" N. lat., 124°10'51" W. long.).
- d. Columbia Control Zone An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. lat., 124°06'50" W. long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09' N. lat., 124°06'16" W. long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. lat., 124°03'07" W. long. to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°15'48" N. lat., 124°05'20" W. long.), and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. lat., 124°04'05" W. long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.
- e. Klamath Control Zone The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and on the south by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).
- f. Waypoints for the 40 fathom regulatory line from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. (50 CFR 660.71 (k) (12)-(70), when in place.

45°46.00' N. lat., 124°04.49' W. long.;	44°51.28' N. lat., 124°10.21' W. long.;	44°08.30' N. lat., 124°16.75' W. long.;	43°10.96' N. lat., 124°32.33' W. long.;
45°44.34' N. lat., 124°05.09' W. long.;	44°49.49' N. lat., 124°10.90' W. long.;	44°01.18' N. lat., 124°15.42' W. long.;	43°05.65' N. lat., 124°31.52' W. long.;
45°40.64' N. lat., 124°04.90' W. long.;	44°44.96' N. lat., 124°14.39' W. long.;	43°51.61' N. lat., 124°14.68' W. long.;	42°59.66' N. lat., 124°32.58' W. long.;
45°33.00' N. lat., 124°04.46' W. long.;	44°43.44' N. lat., 124°14.78' W. long.;	43°42.66' N. lat., 124°15.46' W. long.;	42°54.97' N. lat., 124°36.99' W. long.;
45°32.27' N. lat., 124°04.74' W. long.;	44°42.26′ N. lat., 124°13.81′ W. long.;	43°40.49′ N. lat., 124°15.74′ W. long.;	42°53.81′ N. lat., 124°38.57′ W. long.;
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45°19.99′ N. lat., 124°04.62′ W. long.;	44°33.74′ N. lat., 124°14.44′ W. long.;	43°28.82′ N. lat., 124°19.52′ W. long.;	42°46.47′ N. lat., 124°38.89′ W. long.;
45°17.50′ N. lat., 124°04.91′ W. long.;	44°27.66′ N. lat., 124°16.99′ W. long.;	43°23.91′ N. lat., 124°24.28′ W. long.;	42°45.74′ N. lat., 124°38.86′ W. long.;
45°11.29′ N. lat., 124°05.20′ W. long.;	44°19.13′ N. lat., 124°19.22′ W. long.;	43°20.83′ N. lat., 124°26.63′ W. long.;	42°44.79′ N. lat., 124°37.96′ W. long.;
45°05.80′ N. lat., 124°05.40′ W. long.;	44°15.35′ N. lat., 124°17.38′ W. long.;	43°17.96′ N. lat., 124°28.81′ W. long.;	42°45.01′ N. lat., 124°36.39′ W. long.;
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45°03.83′ N. lat., 124°06.47′ W. long.;	44°12.80′ N. lat., 124°17.18′ W. long.;	43°13.97' N. lat., 124°31.99' W. long.;	42°42.14′ N. lat., 124°32.82′ W. long.; 42°40.50′ N. lat., 124°31.98′ W. long.
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44°58.75′ N. lat., 124°07.14′ W. long.;	44°08.38' N. lat., 124°16.79' W. long.;	43°12.26′ N. lat., 124°34.16′ W. long.;	•

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (continued)

C.6. Notification When Unsafe Conditions Prevent Compliance with Regulations: If prevented by unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems from meeting special management area landing restrictions, vessels must notify the U.S. Coast Guard and receive acknowledgment of such notification prior to leaving the area. This notification shall include the name of the vessel, port where delivery will be made, approximate number of salmon (by species) on board, the estimated time of arrival, and the specific reason the vessel is not able to meet special management area landing restrictions.

In addition to contacting the U.S. Coast Guard, vessels fishing south of the Oregon/California border must notify CDFW within one hour of leaving the management area by calling 800-889-8346 and providing the same information as reported to the U.S. Coast Guard. All salmon must be offloaded within 24 hours of reaching port.

- C.7. Incidental Pacific Halibut Harvest: License applications for incidental harvest for Pacific halibut during commercial salmon fishing must be obtained from NMFS.
 - Pacific halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).
 - b. During the salmon troll season, incidental harvest is authorized only during April, May, and June, and after June 30 if quota remains and if announced on the NMFS hotline (phone: 800-662-9825 or 206-526-6667). WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW will monitor landings. If the landings are projected to exceed the preseason allocation for this fishery or the total Area 2A non-Indian commercial halibut allocation, NMFS will take inseason action to prohibit retention of halibut in the non-Indian salmon troll fishery. See the most current Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for more details.
 - c. Incidental Pacific halibut catch regulations in the commercial salmon troll fishery adopted for 2023, prior to any 2023 inseason action, will be in effect when incidental Pacific halibut retention opens on April 1, 2023 unless otherwise modified by inseason action at the March 2023 Council meeting.
 - d. At the 2023 March meeting, the Council adopted the following options for public review:

Beginning May 16, 2023, through the end of the 2023 salmon troll fishery, and beginning April 1, 2024, until modified through inseason action or superseded by the 2024 management measures license holders may land or possess no more than one Pacific halibut per two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and:

Option I - no more than 35 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip.

Option II - no more than 30 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip

Option III - no more than 25 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip.

e. "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area is an area to be voluntarily avoided for salmon trolling.

NMFS and the Council request salmon trollers voluntarily avoid this area in order to protect yelloweye rockfish. The area is defined in the Pacific Council Halibut Catch Sharing
Plan in the North Coast subarea (Washington marine area 3), with the following coordinates in the order listed:

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48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.;

48°18' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.;

48°11' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.;

48°04' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long.;

48°04' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long.;

48°00' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.;

48°00' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.;

and connecting back to 48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.
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C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (continued)

- C.8. <u>Inseason Management</u>: In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMES:
 - a. Chinook remaining from the May through June non-Indian commercial troll harvest guideline north of Cape Falcon may be transferred to the July through September harvest guideline if the transfer would not result in exceeding preseason impact expectations on any stocks.
 - b. Chinook remaining from May, June, and/or July non-Indian commercial troll quotas in the Oregon or California KMZ may be transferred to the Chinook quota for the next open period if the transfer would not result in exceeding preseason impact expectations on any stocks.
 - c. NMFS may transfer salmon between the recreational and commercial fisheries north of Cape Falcon if there is agreement among the areas' representatives on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), and if the transfer would not result in exceeding preseason impact expectations on any stocks.
 - d. The Council will consider inseason recommendations for special regulations for any experimental fisheries annually in March; proposals must meet Council protocol and be received in November the year prior.
 - e. If retention of unmarked coho (adipose fin intact) is permitted by inseason action, the allowable coho quota will be adjusted to ensure preseason projected impacts on all stocks is not exceeded.
 - f. Landing limits may be modified inseason to sustain season length and keep harvest within overall guotas.
- C.9. State Waters Fisheries: Consistent with Council management objectives:
 - a. The State of Oregon may establish additional late-season fisheries in state waters.
 - b. The State of California may establish limited fisheries in selected state waters.
 - c. Check state regulations for details.
- C.10. For the purposes of California Fish and Game Code, Section 8232.5, the definition of the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) for the ocean salmon season shall be that area from Humbug Mountain, Oregon, to Latitude 40°10' N.
- C.11. Latitudes for geographical reference of major landmarks along the west coast. Majority of information from source: 2022 West Coast federal salmon regulations, Chapter 5. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/05/16/2022-10430/fisheries-off-west-coast-states-west-coast-salmon-fisheries-2022-specifications-and-management

Cape Flattery, WA	48°23'00" N lat.	Humboldt South Jetty, CA	40°45′53″ N lat.
Cape Alava, WA	48°10′00" N lat.	40°10′ line (near Cape Mendocino, CA)	40°10′00" N lat.
Queets River, WA	47°31′42" N lat.	Horse Mountain, CA	40°05′00″ N lat.
Leadbetter Point, WA	46°38′10" N lat.	Point Arena, CA	38°57′30″ N lat.
Cape Falcon, OR	45°46'00" N lat.	Point Reyes, CA	37°59′44″ N lat.
South end Heceta Bank line, OR	43°58'00" N lat.	Point San Pedro, CA	37°35′40″ N lat.
Humbug Mountain, OR	42°40'30" N lat.	Pigeon Point, CA	37°11′00″ N lat.
Oregon-California border	42°00'00" N lat.	Point Sur, CA	36°18′00" N lat.
		Point Conception, CA	34°27′00" N lat.

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ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III			
North of Cape Falcon	North of Cape Falcon	North of Cape Falcon			
Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information			
 Overall non-Indian TAC: 85,000 Chinook and 200,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). Recreational TAC: 42,500 Chinook and 168,000 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked. Various daily limits and species combinations of one and two salmon will be considered. Including one fish, two fish only, one of which may be a Chinook, and two fish only one of which may be a coho. Trade: No Area 4B add-on fishery. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 40,000 marked coho in August and September. Overall Chinook and/or coho TACs may need to be reduced or fisheries adjusted to meet NMFS ESA guidance, FMP requirements, upon conclusion of negotiations in the North of Falcon forum, or upon receipt of preseason catch and abundance expectations for Canadian and Alaskan fisheries. 	 Overall non-Indian TAC: 75,000 Chinook and 185,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). Recreational TAC: 37,500 Chinook and 155,400 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked. Same as Alternative 1. Trade: Same as Alternative 1. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 50,000 marked coho in August and September. Same as Alternative I. 	 Overall non-Indian TAC: 65,000 Chinook and 170,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). Recreational TAC: 32,500 Chinook and 142,800 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked. Same as Alternative 1. Trade: Same as Alternative 1. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 60,000 marked coho in August and September. Same as Alternative I. 			
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay) June 17 through earlier of September 30, or 17,470 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 9,490 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon, except no chum beginning August 1; two salmon per day, of which only one may be a Chinook, plus one additional pink salmon. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1).	U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay) June 24 through earlier of September 30, or 16,160 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 8,370 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon, except no chum beginning August 1; two salmon per day, of which only one may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1).	U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay) July 1 through earlier of September 24, or 14,850 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 7,260 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon, except no chum beginning August 1; two salmon per day. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1).			
An impact neutral non-selective coho fishery may be considered through inseason management action later in the season. Beginning August 1, Chinook non-retention east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line (C.4.a) during Council managed ocean fishery. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall Chinook and coho recreational TACs for north of Cape Falcon (C.5).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1			

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ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III			
 Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea) June 17 through earlier of September 30, or 4,370 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 1,740 Chinook (C.5). 	Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea) June 24 through earlier of September 30, or 4,040 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 1,530 Chinook (C.5).	 Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea) July 1 through earlier of September 24, or 3,710 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 1,330 Chinook (C.5). 			
Open seven days per week. All salmon, except no chum beginning August 1; two salmon per day, of which only one may be a Chinook, plus one additional pink salmon. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1).	Open seven days per week. All salmon, except no chum beginning August 1; two salmon per day, of which only one may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1).	Open seven days per week. All salmon, except no chum beginning August 1; two salmon per day. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1).			
Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall Chinook and coho recreational TACs for north of Cape Falcon (C.5).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1			
An impact neutral non-selective coho fishery may be considered through inseason management action later in the season.					
 October 3 through earlier of October 7, or 150 Chinook quota (C.5) in the area north of 47°50'00 N. lat. and south of 48°00'00" N. lat. 					
Open seven days per week. Chinook only, one Chinook per day (C.1).					
 Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea) June 24 through earlier of September 30, or 62,160 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 18,750 Chinook (C.5). 	Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea) July 1 through earlier of September 30, or 57,500 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 16,550 Chinook (C.5).	Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea) July 2 through earlier of September 30, or 52,840 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline (14,330 Chinook (C.5).			
Open seven days per week. All salmon, two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).	Same as Alternative 1	Open five days per week (Sun.–Thurs.). All salmon; two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).			
An impact neutral non-selective coho fishery may be considered through inseason management action later in the season.		ceanongun (6).			
See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall Chinook and coho recreational TACs for north of Cape Falcon (C.5).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1			

A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS					
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III			
Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea) June 24 through earlier of September 30, or 84,000 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 12,520 Chinook (C.5).	Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea) • June 24 through earlier of September 30, or 77,700 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 11,050 Chinook (C.5).	Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea) June 26 through earlier of September 24, or 71,400 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 9,580 Chinook (C.5).			
Open seven days per week. All salmon; two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1			
An impact neutral non-selective coho fishery may be considered through inseason management action later in the season.	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1			
Columbia Control Zone closed (C.4.c). Inseason management may be used to sustain season length and keep harvest within the overall Chinook and coho recreational TACs for north of Cape Falcon (C.5).					

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A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS						
South of Cape Falcon	South of Cape Falcon South of Cape Falcon					
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III				
Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information				
Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of X,881 hatchery and natural area adults.	Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of X hatchery and natural area adults.	Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 1X hatchery and natural area adults.				
2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of X.6%.	Sacramento Index exploitation rate of X%.	Sacramento Index exploitation rate of X%.				
Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath River recreational fishery allocation X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.				
 Klamath tribal allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 	Klamath tribal allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	Klamath tribal allocation: X adult Klamath River fall Chinook.				
 Overall recreational coho TAC: X,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and X,000 coho in the non-mark-selective coho fishery. Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the CFGC. 	 Overall recreational coho TAC: X,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and X,000 coho in the non-mark-selective coho fishery. Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the CFGC. 	 Overall recreational coho TAC: X,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and X,000 co in the non-mark-selective coho fishery. Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ES consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the CFGC. 				
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • September 1-October 31 (C.6).	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • September 1-October 31 (C.6).	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • September 1-October 31 (C.6).				
Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided below during the all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery and the non-mark-selective coho fishery (C.5), two fish per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided below during the all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery and the non-mark-selective coho fishery (C.5), two fish per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided below during the all-salmon mark-selective coho fishery and the non-mark-selective coho fishery (C.5), ONE fish per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).				
In 2024, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2023 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2023 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2023 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.				

Fishing in the Stonewall Bank yelloweye rockfish conservation area is restricted to trolling only on days the all depth recreational halibut fishery is open (call the halibut fishing hotline 1-800-662-9825 for specific dates) (C.3.b, C.4.d).

A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS						
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III				
Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border. Mark-selective coho fishery: June 17 through the earlier of August 31, or 110,000 marked coho quota (C.6).	Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border. Mark-selective coho fishery: June 17 through the earlier of August 31, or 100,000 marked coho quota (C.6).	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. Mark-selective coho fishery: June 17 through the earlier of August 31, or 90, marked coho quota (C.6).				
Open seven days per week. All salmon except Chinook, two salmon per day. All retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). See minimum size limits (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Same as Alternative 1	Same as Alternative 1				
Any remainder of the mark-selective coho quota may be transferred inseason on an impact neutral basis to the troll quota for the non-selective coho fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain (C.5).	Any remainder of the mark-selective coho quota may be transferred inseason on an impact neutral basis to the recreational non-selective coho fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain (C.5).	Any remainder of the mark-selective coho quota may be transferred inseason on an impact neutral basis to the recreational non-selective coho fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain (C.5).				
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. Non-mark-selective coho fishery: September 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 25,000 non-mark-selective coho quota (C.6). Open days may be modified inseason.	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. Non-mark-selective coho fishery: September 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 20,000 non-mark-selective coho quota (C.6). Open days may be modified inseason.	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. Non-mark-selective coho fishery: September 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 15,000 non-mark-selective coho quota (C.6). Oper days may be modified inseason.				
Open seven days per week. All salmon, two salmon per day (C.1). See minimum size limits (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Same as Alternative 1	Open seven days per week. All salmon, two salmon per day, only one of which may be a Chinook (C.1). See minimum size limits (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).				
 Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) June 17 through the earlier of August 31, or the Cape Falcon to OR/CA border 110,000 marked coho quota (C.6). 	Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) Mark-selective coho fishery: • June 17 through the earlier of August 31, or 100,000 marked coho quota (C.6).	Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border (Oregon KMZ) Mark-selective coho fishery: Closed				
Open seven days per week. All salmon except Chinook, two salmon per day. All retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). See minimum size limits (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	Same as Alternative 1					
See minimum size limits (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).						

	A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS				
ALTERNATIVE I ALTERNATIVE III ALTERNATIVE III					
OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ) Closed	OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ) • Closed	OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ) • Closed			
In 2024, season opens May 1 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 20 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2022 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March or April 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1			
Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) Closed	Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) • Closed	Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) • Closed			
In 2024, season opens May 1 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 20 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2022 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March or April 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1			
Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco) Closed	Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco) Closed	Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco) Closed			
In 2024, season opens April 6 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2022 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1			
Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey) Closed	Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey) • Closed	Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey) Closed			
In 2024, season opens April 6 for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B); and the same gear restrictions as in 2022 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2024 meeting.	In 2024, same as Alternative 1	In 2024, same as Alternative 1.			

California State regulations require all salmon be made available to a CDFW representative for sampling immediately at port of landing. Any person in possession of a salmon with a missing adipose fin, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the CDFW, shall immediately relinquish the head of the salmon to the State (California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 1.73).

B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches) (See C.1)

Area (when open)	Chinook	Coho		Pink
North of Cape Falcon (Westport and Col R)	22	16	•	None
North of Cape Falcon (Neah Bay and La Push)	24	16		None
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	24	16		None
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	24	16		None
OR/CA Border to Pt. Arena		-	-	-
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.		-	-	-
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border		-	-	-

C. REQUIREMENTS. DEFINITIONS. RESTRICTIONS. OR EXCEPTIONS

- C.1. Compliance with Minimum Size and Other Special Restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught. Salmon may not be filleted, or salmon heads removed prior to landing.

 Ocean Boat Limits: Off the coast of Washington, Oregon, and California, each fisher aboard a vessel may continue to use angling gear until the combined daily limits of Chinook and coho salmon for all licensed and juvenile anglers aboard have been attained (additional state restrictions may apply).
- C.2. <u>Gear Restrictions</u>: Salmon may be taken only by hook and line using barbless hooks. All persons fishing for salmon, and all persons fishing from a boat with salmon on board must meet the gear restrictions listed below for specific areas or seasons.
 - a. *U.S./Canada Border to Pt. Conception, California*: No more than one rod may be used per angler; and no more than two single point, single shank, barbless hooks are required for all fishing gear.
 - b. Latitude 40°10' N. to Pt. Conception, California: Single point, single shank, barbless circle hooks (see gear definitions below) are required when fishing with bait by any means other than trolling, and no more than two such hooks shall be used. When angling with two hooks, the distance between the hooks must not exceed five inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook, and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied). Circle hooks are not required when artificial lures are used without bait.

C.3. Gear Definitions:

- a. Recreational fishing gear defined: Off Oregon and Washington, angling tackle consists of a single line that must be attached to a rod and reel held by hand or closely attended; the rod and reel must be held by hand while playing a hooked fish. No person may use more than one rod and line while fishing off Oregon or Washington. Off California, the line must be attached to a rod and reel held by hand or closely attended; weights directly attached to a line may not exceed four pounds (1.8 kg). While fishing off California north of Pt. Conception, no person fishing for salmon, and no person fishing from a boat with salmon on board, may use more than one rod and line. Fishing includes any activity which can reasonably be expected to result in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish.
- b. Trolling defined: Angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.
- c. Circle hook defined: A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90° angle.

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (continued)

C.4. Control Zone Definitions:

- a. The Bonilla-Tatoosh Line: A line running from the western end of Cape Flattery to Tatoosh Island Lighthouse (48°23'30" N. lat., 124°44'12" W. long.) to the buoy adjacent to Duntze Rock (48°24'37" N. lat., 124°44'37" W. long.), then in a straight line to Bonilla Pt. (48°35'39" N. lat., 124°42'58" W. long.) on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.
- b. Grays Harbor Control Zone The area defined by a line drawn from the Westport Lighthouse (46° 53'18" N. lat., 124° 07'01" W. long.) to Buoy #2 (46° 52'42" N. lat., 124°12'42" W. long.) to Buoy #3 (46° 55'00" N. lat., 124°14'48" W. long.) to the Grays Harbor north jetty (46° 55'36" N. lat., 124°10'51" W. long.).
- c. Columbia Control Zone: An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. lat., 124°06'50" W. long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09' N. lat., 124°06'16" W. long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. lat., 124°03'07" W. long. to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°15'48" N. lat., 124°05'20" W. long. and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. lat., 124°04'05" W. long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.
- d. Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area: The area defined by the following coordinates in the order listed:

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44°37.46' N. lat.; 124°24.92' W. long.

44°37.46' N. lat.; 124°23.63' W. long.

44°28.71' N. lat.; 124°21.80' W. long.

44°28.71' N. lat.; 124°24.10' W. long.

44°31.42' N. lat.; 124°25.47' W. long.

and connecting back to 44°37.46' N. lat.; 124°24.92' W. long.
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- e. *Klamath Control Zone*: The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles offshore); and, on the south by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).
- C.5. Inseason Management: Regulatory modifications may become necessary inseason to meet preseason management objectives such as quotas, harvest guidelines, and season duration. In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMFS:
 - a. Actions could include modifications to bag limits, or days open to fishing, and extensions or reductions in areas open to fishing.
 - b. Coho may be transferred inseason among recreational subareas north of Cape Falcon to help meet the recreational season duration objectives (for each subarea) after conferring with representatives of the affected ports and the Council's SAS recreational representatives north of Cape Falcon, and if the transfer would not result in exceeding preseason impact expectations on any stocks.
 - c. Chinook and coho may be transferred between the recreational and commercial fisheries north of Cape Falcon if there is agreement among the representatives of the SAS, and if the transfer would not result in exceeding preseason impact expectations on any stocks.
 - d. Fishery managers may consider inseason action modifying regulations restricting retention of unmarked (adipose fin intact) coho. To remain consistent with preseason expectations, any inseason action shall consider, if significant, the difference between observed and preseason forecasted (adipose-clipped) mark rates. Such a consideration may also include a change in bag limit of two salmon, no more than one of which may be a coho.
 - Marked coho remaining from the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border. recreational mark-selective coho quota may be transferred inseason to the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. non-mark-selective recreational fishery if the transfer would not result in exceeding preseason impact expectations on any stocks.
- C.6. <u>Additional Seasons in State Territorial Waters</u>: Consistent with Council management objectives, the States of Washington, Oregon, and California may establish limited seasons in state waters. Check state regulations for details.