

TABLE 2. 2025 Recreational management measures for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries – Council adopted. (Page 1 of 6)

A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS
North of Cape Falcon
Supplemental Management Information
<p>1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 115,000 Chinook and 108,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked).</p> <p>2. Trade: Commercial troll traded 9,000 marked coho to the recreational fishery for 2,250 Chinook.</p> <p>3. Recreational TAC: 53,750 Chinook and 99,720 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip.</p> <p>4. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 30,000 marked coho in August and September.</p>
<p>U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay Subarea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21 through the earlier of September 15, with a subarea guideline of 12,600 Chinook (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week, June 21-July 3, all salmon except coho, one salmon per day. Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B).</p> <p>Beginning July 4, open seven days per week, all salmon, with a 10,370 marked coho subarea quota, two salmon per day. No chum retention beginning August 1. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Beginning August 1, Chinook non-retention east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line during Council managed ocean fishery (C.4.a).</p>
<p>Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21 through the earlier of September 15, with a subarea guideline of 2,280 Chinook (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week, June 21-July 3, all salmon except coho, one salmon per day. Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B).</p> <p>Beginning July 4, open seven days per week, all salmon, with a 2,590 marked coho subarea quota, two salmon per day. No chum retention beginning August 1. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length (B).</p> <p>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).</p>
<p>Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21 through the earlier of September 15, with a subarea guideline of 22,270 Chinook (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week, June 21-28, all salmon except coho, one salmon per day. Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).</p> <p>Beginning June 29, open seven days per week, all salmon, with a 36,900 marked coho subarea quota, 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).</p> <p>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).</p>
<p>Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 25 through the earlier of September 30, or 49,860 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 16,600 Chinook (C.5). <p>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. Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).</p> <p>Prior to June 25, possession of salmon on board a vessel is prohibited on days when the subarea is closed to salmon retention.</p> <p>Columbia Control Zone closed (C.4.b). 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).</p>

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South of Cape Falcon
Supplemental Management Information
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 147,733 hatchery and natural area adults. 2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 10.8%. 3. Sacramento River fall Chinook river recreational impacts: 8,000. 4. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 978 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 5. Klamath tribal allocation: 1,385 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 6. Overall recreational coho TAC: 44,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and 30,000 coho in the non-mark-selective coho fishery. <p>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.</p>
A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS
South of Cape Falcon
<p>Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 15-May 15. See 2024 management measures, and 2025 inseason actions. Dates may be subject to further inseason action.</i> • May 16-July 15; • September 1-October 31 (C.6). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except during the mark-selective coho fishery and the non-mark-selective coho fishery as described below (C.5), two salmon per day (C.1). Starting June 7, two salmon limit, of which only one may be a Chinook (C.1). After September 30 or attainment of the non-mark-selective coho quota, all salmon except coho, one salmon per day. Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length, coho minimum size limit of 16 inches total length (B, C.1). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).</p> <p><u>Non-mark-selective coho fishery:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 1 through the earlier of September 30, or a 30,000 non-mark-selective coho quota (C.6). Open days may be modified inseason (C.5). <p>Beginning October 1, the fishery is only open shoreward of the 40-fathom management line (C.4.e).</p>
<p>Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border</p> <p><u>Mark-selective coho fishery:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 7 through the earlier of August 24, or 44,000 marked coho quota (C.6). <p>Open seven days per week, two salmon per day (C.1). When Chinook retention is allowed, only one may be a Chinook (C.1). All retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 24 inches total length, coho minimum size limit of 16 inches total length (B, C.1). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).</p> <p>Any remainder of the mark-selective coho quota may be transferred inseason on an impact neutral basis to the September non-mark-selective coho fishery from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain (C.5).</p> <p>In 2026, 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, C.1); and the same gear restrictions as in 2025 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2026 meeting.</p>
<p>Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 16-June 6; • June 30-July 15 (C.6). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except during the mark-selective coho fishery (C.5). From May 16-June 6, two salmon per day (C.1). From June 30-July 15, two salmon per day, of which only one may be Chinook (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit 24 inches total length (B, C.1). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).</p>
<p>For Recreational Fisheries from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.: Fishing in the Stonewall Bank yelloweye rockfish conservation area 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.c).</p>

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OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ)

- June 7-8;
- July 5-6;
- July 31-August 3;
- August 25-31 (C.6).

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,000 Chinook.

All salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 20 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

Klamath Control Zone closed in August (C.4.d). See California State regulations for additional closures adjacent to the Smith, Eel, and Klamath Rivers.

In 2026, the 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 2025 (C.2, C.3). Harvest guidelines and bag limits may be considered inseason (C.5). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify the bag limit may be considered when sport harvest is approaching a harvest guideline. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2026 meeting.

Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg)

- June 7-8;
- July 5-6;
- July 31-August 3;
- August 25-31 (C.6).

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,000 Chinook.

All salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 20 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

In 2026, season opens April 4 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 2025 (C.2, C.3). Harvest guidelines and bag limits may be considered inseason (C.5). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify the bag limit may be considered when sport harvest is approaching a harvest guideline. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2026 meeting.

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco)

- June 7-8;
- July 5-6;
- July 31-August 3;
- August 25-31 (C.6).

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,000 Chinook.

Point Reyes to Pigeon Point Subarea

- September 4-7, 29-30;
- October 1-5, 27-31 (C.6).

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,500 Chinook, **applicable to the September and October open dates between Point Reyes and Point Sur.**

All salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 20 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

In 2026, season opens April 4 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 2025 (C.2, C.3). Harvest guidelines and bag limits may be considered inseason (C.5). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify the bag limit may be considered when sport harvest is approaching a harvest guideline. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2026 meeting.

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A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS

Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey)

- June 7-8;
- July 5-6;
- July 31-August 3;
- August 25-31 (C.6).

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,000 Chinook.

Pigeon Point to Point Sur Subarea

- September 4-7, 29-30 (C.6).

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 7,500 Chinook, **applicable to the September and October open dates between Point Reyes and Point Sur.**

All salmon except coho, two salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 20 inches total length (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

In 2026, season opens April 4 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 2025 (C.2, C.3). Harvest guidelines and bag limits may be considered inseason (C.5). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify the bag limit may be considered when sport harvest is approaching a harvest guideline. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2026 meeting.

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 (Neah Bay and La Push)	24	16	none
North of Cape Falcon (Westport and Col R.)	22	16	none
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	24	16	none
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	24	16	none
OR/CA Border to Latitude 40°10' N.	20	-	20
Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena	20	-	20
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	20	-	20
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border	20	-	20

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. **Gear Restrictions:** 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.

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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.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. *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.
- c. *Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area:* The area defined by the following coordinates in the order listed:
 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.
- d. *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).
- e. Waypoints for the 40 fathom regulatory line from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. ([50 CFR 660.71](#) (o) (12)-(62), when in place.

45°46.00' N. lat., 124°04.49' W. long.;	44°44.96' N. lat., 124°14.39' W. long.;	43°40.49' N. lat., 124°15.74' W. long.;
45°44.34' N. lat., 124°05.09' W. long.;	44°43.44' N. lat., 124°14.78' W. long.;	43°38.77' N. lat., 124°15.64' W. long.;
45°40.64' N. lat., 124°04.90' W. long.;	44°42.26' N. lat., 124°13.81' W. long.;	43°34.52' N. lat., 124°16.73' W. long.;
45°33.00' N. lat., 124°04.46' W. long.;	44°41.68' N. lat., 124°15.38' W. long.;	43°28.82' N. lat., 124°19.52' W. long.;
45°32.27' N. lat., 124°04.74' W. long.;	44°34.87' N. lat., 124°15.80' W. long.;	43°23.91' N. lat., 124°24.28' W. long.;
45°29.26' N. lat., 124°04.22' W. long.;	44°33.74' N. lat., 124°14.44' W. long.;	43°20.83' N. lat., 124°26.63' W. long.;
45°20.25' N. lat., 124°04.67' W. long.;	44°27.66' N. lat., 124°16.99' W. long.;	43°17.96' N. lat., 124°28.81' W. long.;
45°19.99' N. lat., 124°04.62' W. long.;	44°19.13' N. lat., 124°19.22' W. long.;	43°16.75' N. lat., 124°28.42' W. long.;
45°17.50' N. lat., 124°04.91' W. long.;	44°15.35' N. lat., 124°17.38' W. long.;	43°13.97' N. lat., 124°31.99' W. long.;
45°11.29' N. lat., 124°05.20' W. long.;	44°14.38' N. lat., 124°17.78' W. long.;	43°13.72' N. lat., 124°33.25' W. long.;
45°05.80' N. lat., 124°05.40' W. long.;	44°12.80' N. lat., 124°17.18' W. long.;	43°12.26' N. lat., 124°34.16' W. long.;
45°05.08' N. lat., 124°05.93' W. long.;	44°09.23' N. lat., 124°15.96' W. long.;	43°10.96' N. lat., 124°32.33' W. long.;
45°03.83' N. lat., 124°06.47' W. long.;	44°08.38' N. lat., 124°16.79' W. long.;	43°05.65' N. lat., 124°31.52' W. long.;
45°01.70' N. lat., 124°06.53' W. long.;	44°08.30' N. lat., 124°16.75' W. long.;	42°59.66' N. lat., 124°32.58' W. long.
44°58.75' N. lat., 124°07.14' W. long.;	44°01.18' N. lat., 124°15.42' W. long.;	42°54.97' N. lat., 124°36.99' W. long.
44°51.28' N. lat., 124°10.21' W. long.;	43°51.61' N. lat., 124°14.68' W. long.;	42°53.81' N. lat., 124°38.57' W. long.;
44°49.49' N. lat., 124°10.90' W. long.;	43°42.66' N. lat., 124°15.46' W. long.;	42°50.00' N. lat., 124°39.68' W. long.;

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.

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- 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 Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) recreational representatives north of Cape Falcon, and 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 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.
 - e. Marked coho remaining from the Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border. A 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.
 - f. Deviations from the allocation of allowable ocean harvest of coho salmon in the area south of Cape Falcon may be allowed to meet consultation standards for ESA-listed stocks (FMP 5.3.2). Therefore, any rollovers resulting in a deviation from the south of Cape Falcon coho allocation schedule would fall underneath this exemption.
- C.6. Additional Seasons in State Territorial Waters: Consistent with Council management objectives, the States of Washington, Oregon, and California may establish limited seasons in state waters. Check state regulations for details.
- C.7. Vessel Operation in Closed Areas with Salmon on Board:
- a. Except as provided under C.7.b and C.7.c below, it is unlawful for a vessel to fish 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 prohibited salmon are in possession.
 - b. It is unlawful to possess a salmon species within the Oregon KMZ when the fishing for that salmon species is prohibited within the Oregon KMZ regardless of where taken.
 - c. It is unlawful to possess a salmon species within the California KMZ when the fishing for that salmon species is prohibited within the California KMZ regardless of where taken.