

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT 1:
COLLATION OF PRELIMINATRY SALMON MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES
FOR 2026 OCEAN FISHERIES

TABLE 1. 2026 Commercial troll management measures for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries – STT analyzed. (Page 1 of 7)

A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS
North of Cape Falcon
Supplemental Management Information
<p>1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 115,000 Chinook and 125,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 59,000 Chinook and 20,000 marked coho. 3. Trade: 4. For fisheries scheduled prior to May 16, 2026: See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action and the 2026 season description described below.</p>
<p><i>Model runs: Coho-2616a (MT)/2616b (QTA), Chinook-2226</i></p>
<p>U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1-15. See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. • May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 39,300 Chinook. <p>Catch limits in place for the following areas (C.8):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">U.S./Canada border to Queets River - No more than 7,860 Chinook.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - No more than 5,890 Chinook.</p> <p>Landing and possession limits in place for the following areas. Landing limits will be evaluated weekly inseason. Landing week is Thursday through Wednesday (C.1, C.6, C.8).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">U.S./Canada border to Queets River - 80 Chinook per vessel per landing week.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. - 250 Chinook per vessel per landing week.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - 80 Chinook per vessel per landing week.</p> <p>Open seven days per week (C.1). 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).</p> <p>If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the all-salmon season (C.8).</p> <p>In 2027, the season will open May 1 consistent with all preseason regulations in place in this area and subareas during May 16-June 29, 2026, including subarea salmon catch limits and vessel landing and possession limits. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2027 meetings.</p>
<p>U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 19,700 Chinook or 20,000 marked coho (C.8). <p>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.e). 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).</p> <p>Landing and possession limit of 50 marked coho per vessel per landing week (Thurs.-Wed.).</p> <p>Landing limits will be evaluated weekly, inseason (C.1, C.8.f).</p>
<p>For all commercial troll fisheries north of Cape Falcon:</p> <p>Mandatory closed areas include Cape Flattery Control Zone, Salmon Troll Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, and Columbia Control Zone. (C.5.a, C.5.b, C.5.d).</p> <p>Vessels must land and deliver their salmon within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery (C.6). Vessels may not land fish east of the Sekiu River or east of Tongue Point, Oregon.</p> <p>During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line may be fished (C.11).</p> <p>Vessels fishing for 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 WDFW 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 (C.11).</p>

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<p>A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS North of Cape Falcon (continued)</p>
<p>Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south 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, Washington permitted vessels may also land all species of fish north of Leadbetter Point. <u>For delivery to Washington ports north of Leadbetter Point</u>, vessels must notify WDFW 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 (C.11). Vessels in possession of salmon south of Leadbetter Point who are returning to port north of Leadbetter Point must offload all fish from the vessel prior to beginning a new fishing trip. 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).</p> <p>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 (C.11). 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).</p> <p>Vessels in possession of salmon north of the Queets River 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 south of the Queets River 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).</p> <p>Vessels fishing in a subarea north of Cape Falcon with a higher limit may transit through and land in a subarea with a lower limit. Prior to crossing the subarea line at Leadbetter Point or Queets River, vessels must notify WDFW at 360-249-1215 with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch aboard, and destination with approximate time of delivery (C.11).</p>
<p>A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS</p>
<p>South of Cape Falcon</p>
<p>Supplemental Management Information</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 213,963 hatchery and natural area adults. 2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 45.5%. 3. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,241 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 4. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,074 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: 73.1% / 26.9%. 6. Overall commercial troll coho TAC: 7,250.
<p>Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via inseason action. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on the following open dates: April 14-May 15. • September 1-October 31 (C.8, C.9.a). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7), except during the non-mark-selective coho fishery as described below (C.5). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length, coho minimum size limit of 16 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).</p> <p>Beginning September 1, all salmon until the earlier of September 30 or a 7,250 non-mark-selective coho quota met. If the coho quota is met prior to September 30, then all salmon except coho season continues (C.4, C.7). No more than 100 coho per vessel per landing week when retention allowed and no more than 100 Chinook allowed per vessel per landing week (Thurs.-Wed.). Vessel limits may be modified inseason.</p> <p>Oregon State regulations require all fishers landing coho salmon into Oregon from any fishery between Cape Falcon, OR and Humbug Mountain 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 (C.11.). Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, port of landing and location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery.</p> <p>In 2027, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. 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. Gear restrictions (C.2, C.3) same as in 2026. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2027 meeting (C.8).</p>
<p>Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 16-June 30; • July 16-July 31. <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7, C.5). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length, coho minimum size limit of 16 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).</p> <p>In 2027, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. 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. Gear restrictions (C.2, C.3) same as in 2026. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2027 meeting (C.8).</p>

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A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS South of Cape Falcon
<p>Heceta Bank Line to Humbug Mountain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 16-June 17. <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7, C.5). Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length, coho minimum size limit of 16 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).</p> <p>In 2027, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. 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. Gear restrictions (C.2, C.3) same as in 2026. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2027 meeting (C.8).</p>
<p>Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via inseason action. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on the following open dates: April 14-30 (May 1-15 closed). • May 16-June 17. <p>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).</p> <p>In 2027, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length (B, C.1). Gear restrictions (C.2, C.3) same as in 2026. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2027 meeting (C.8).</p>
<p>OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. NMFS, in consultation with the Council and State of California, will take inseason action prior to the conclusion of the April Council meeting. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action to close the following dates: May 1-15. • Closed. <p>In 2027, the season will open May 1 under a 3,000 Chinook quota. Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). Landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per vessel per day (C.8.f). 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). Electronic Fish Tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Klamath Control Zone closed (C.5.e). See California statutes for an additional closure adjacent to the Smith River. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2027 meetings.</p>
<p>Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed.
<p>Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via inseason action. • Closed. <p>In 2027, the season opens 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 2022 (C.2, C.3). Harvest limits and vessel-based landing and possession limits will be considered inseason (C.8.f). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify vessel-based landing and possession limits may be considered when total commercial harvest in this management area is approaching its harvest guideline (C.8). Electronic Fish Tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2027 meeting.</p>

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Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco)

• See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. NMFS, in consultation with the Council and State of California, is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on fisheries scheduled before May 16, 2026. Open fishing dates of May 1-5 and May 9-13 in San Francisco were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.

- May 16-20, May 23-27.
- August 1-7, 13-18, 25-28.

Landing and possession limit of 160 Chinook per vessel per open period (C.8.f). Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a harvest limit applicable to open areas south of Point Arena of 79,600 Chinook during May through August (C.8.h).

All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). All fish caught in this area must be landed south of Pt. Arena, within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery (C.6), and prior to fishing outside the area (C.11). Electronic Fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12).

38°02" N. lat. to Pigeon Point Subarea

Sept 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-30, or attainment of a harvest limit of 20,000 Chinook (C.9.b).

Landing and possession limit of 100 Chinook per vessel per open period (C.8.f). All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 26 inches total length (B, C.1). All salmon caught in this area must be landed between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (C.6, C.11). Electronic Fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3)

In 2027, the season opens 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 2026 (C.2, C.3). Harvest limits and vessel-based landing and possession limits will be considered inseason (C.8.f). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify vessel-based landing and possession limits may be considered when total commercial harvest in this management area is approaching its harvest guideline (C.8). Electronic Fish Tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2027 meeting.

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

• See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. NMFS, in consultation with the Council and State of California, is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on fisheries scheduled before May 16, 2026. Open fishing dates of May 1-5 and May 9-13 in Monterey were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.

- May 16-20, 23-27.
- June 3-7, 12-16, 26-30.
- July 6-10, 20-24.
- August 1-7, 13-18, 25-28.

Landing and possession limit of 160 Chinook per vessel per open period (C.8.f). Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a harvest limit applicable to open areas south of Point Arena of 79,600 Chinook during May through August (C.8.h).

All salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1).

All fish caught in this area must be landed south of Pt. Arena, within 24 hours of any closure of the fishery (C.6), and prior to fishing outside the area (C.11). Electronic Fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12).

In 2027, the season opens 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 2026 (C.2, C.3). Harvest limit and vessel-based landing and possession limits will be considered inseason (C.8.f). Inseason action to close fisheries, modify season dates, or modify vessel-based landing and possession limits may be considered when total commercial harvest in this management area is approaching its harvest guideline (C.8). Electronic Fish Tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of landing (C.12). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2027 meeting.

When the fishery is closed from Humbug Mountain to the OR/CA Border 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).

California statutes 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).

A person shall, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife], immediately relinquish, at no charge, fish or parts of fish caught or landed in California to the department for the purpose of collecting a biological sample. (California Fish and Game Code §7711(a)).

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B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches) (See C.1)					
Area (when open)	Chinook		Coho		Pink
	Total Length	Head-off	Total Length	Head-off	
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	27	-	-	-	-
Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena	27	-	-	-	-
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. through August	27	-	-	-	-
38°02' N. to Pigeon Pt. September	26	-	-	-	-
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border	27	-	-	-	-

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: Prior to September 1, 2026, no more than 4 spreads are allowed per line. September 1-October 31, 2026, no restrictions on number of spreads 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 fishing 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 prohibited 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.
- 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. *Salmon Troll 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°14.00' W. long. to 48°02.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°16.50' W. long. and connecting back to 48°00.00' N. lat.; 125°14.00' 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.).

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

- 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](#) (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.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 emailing LEDMarineNotifications@wildlife.ca.gov 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.

- a. Pacific halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches (81.3 cm) in total length, measured from the tip of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the extreme end of the middle of the tail, and must be landed with the head on.
- b. During the salmon troll season, incidental harvest is allowed if quota is available. WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW will monitor landings. NMFS may make inseason adjustments to the landing restrictions to assure that the incidental harvest rate is appropriate for salmon and halibut availability, does not encourage target fishing on halibut, and does not increase the likelihood of exceeding the quota for this fishery, and may prohibit retention of halibut in the non-tribal salmon troll fishery if there is risk in exceeding the subquota for the salmon troll fishery or the non-tribal commercial fishery allocation. Inseason adjustments will be announced on the NMFS hotline (phone: 800-662-9825 or 206-526-6667). 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 2025, prior to any 2025 inseason action, will be in effect when incidental Pacific halibut retention opens on April 1, 2025 unless otherwise modified by inseason action at the March 2025 Council meeting.
- d. At the 2026 March meeting, the Council considered the following options for public review:
 - Beginning May 16, 2026, through the end of the 2026 salmon troll fishery, and beginning April 1, 2027, until modified through inseason action or superseded by the 2027 management measures, permit 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.

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

- 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::
 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°11' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long.;
 48°04' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long.;
 48°04' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.;
 48°00' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long.;
 48°00' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.;
 and connecting back to 48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.
- C.8. Inseason Management: In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMFS:
 - 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 quotas.
 - g. 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, if fisheries are constrained to meet ESA-conservation objectives as described in the preamble to the rule, then any rollovers resulting in a deviation from the south of Cape Falcon coho allocation schedule would fall underneath this exemption.
 - h. Inseason action to modify California harvest limits, weekly landing limits, or open days will be considered when total harvest reaches 50% of the harvest limit, consistent with the Framework to Achieve Conservation Objectives for California Stocks of Chinook Salmon [CFR §660.410 \(d\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#).
- 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. Data source: 2025 West Coast federal salmon regulations, Chapter 5.
[Federal Register :: Fisheries Off West Coast States; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 2025 Specifications and Management Measures](#)

U.S. / Canada border	49°00'00" N lat.	Humboldt South Jetty, CA	40°45'53" N lat.
Cape Flattery, WA	48°23'00" N lat.	40°10' line (near Cape Mendocino, CA)	40°10'00" N lat.
Cape Alava, WA	48°10'00" N lat.	Horse Mountain, CA	40°05'00" N lat.
Queets River, WA	47°31'42" N lat.	Point Arena, CA	38°57'30" N lat.
Leadbetter Point, WA	46°38'10" N lat.	Point Reyes, CA	37°59'44" N lat.
Cape Falcon, OR	45°46'00" N lat.	Point San Pedro, CA	37°35'40" N lat.
South end Heceta Bank line, OR	43°58'00" N lat.	Pigeon Point, CA	37°11'00" N lat.
Humbug Mountain, OR	42°40'30" N lat.	Point Sur, CA	36°18'00" N lat.
Oregon-California border	42°00'00" N lat.	Point Conception, CA	34°27'00" N lat.
- C.12. California 24-hour reporting requirements: Salmon harvested under quota or harvest limit regulations must be reported within 24-hours of landing via electronic fish tickets. Electronic fish tickets shall be completed at the time of the receipt, purchase, or transfer of fish, whichever occurs first, and shall contain the number of salmon landed. Once transfer of fish begins, all fish aboard the vessel are counted as part of the landing. The electronic fish ticket is a web-based form submitted through the "E-Tix" application, managed by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) and located at <https://etix.psmfc.org>.

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A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS
North of Cape Falcon
Supplemental Management Information
<p>1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 115,000 Chinook and 125,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked).</p> <p>2. Recreational TAC: 56,000 Chinook and 105,000 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip.</p> <p>3. Trade:</p> <p>4. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 40,000 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 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 10,920 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 13,600 Chinook (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u> June 20 through June 30, one salmon per day. Beginning July 1, all salmon, 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 (C.4.a) during Council managed ocean fishery.</p>
<p>Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 2,730 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 2,280 Chinook (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u> June 20 through June 30, one salmon per day. Beginning July 1, all salmon, 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 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 38,850 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 22,720 Chinook (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u>, June 20 through June 28, one salmon per day. Beginning June 29, 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).</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 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 52,500 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 17,400 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 (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).</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>
South of Cape Falcon
Supplemental Management Information
<p>1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 213,963 hatchery and natural area adults.</p> <p>2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 45.5%.</p> <p>3. Sacramento River fall Chinook river recreational impacts: 36,286</p> <p>4. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,241 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.</p> <p>5. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,074 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.</p> <p>6. Overall recreational coho TAC: 50,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and 27,500 coho in the non-mark-selective coho fishery.</p> <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>

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A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS
South of Cape Falcon
<p>Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 15-May 15. See 2025 management measures, and 2026 inseason actions. Dates may be subject to further inseason action.</i> • May 16-August 31. <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided below during the 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, coho minimum size limit of 16 inches total length (B, C.1). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).</p> <p><u>Mark-selective coho fishery:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 6 through the earlier of August 23 or the 50,000 marked coho quota (C.6). <p>Open seven days per week, two salmon per day (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 2027, 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 2026 (C.2, C.3). This opening could be modified following Council review at its March 2027 meeting.</p>
<p>Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 1-October 31 (C.6). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided below during the non-mark-selective coho fishery (C.5), two fish per day (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><u>Non-mark-selective coho fishery:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 1 through the earlier of September 30, or a 27,500 non-mark-selective coho quota (C.6). Open days may be modified inseason (C.5). <p>Open seven days per week. All salmon (C.5), two fish per day (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). Open days may be modified inseason (C.5).</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>
<p>OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via inseason action.</i> • June 13-July 19; • August 1-31. <p>Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 3,900 Chinook.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Klamath Control Zone closed in August (C.4.d). See California statutes for additional closures adjacent to the Smith, Eel, and Klamath Rivers.</p> <p>In 2027, 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 2026 (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 2027 meeting.</p>

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A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS

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

- See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via inseason action.
- June 13-July 19;
- August 1-31.

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 5,100 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 2027, the season opens April 3 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 2026 (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 2027 meeting.

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco)

- See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via inseason action.
- June 27-July 5;
- July 12-August 23.

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 34,000 Chinook.

38°02" N. lat. to Pigeon Point Subarea

- September 1-October 31.

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 20,000 Chinook applicable to the September and October open dates between 38°02" N. lat. to Pigeon Point Subarea.

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 2027, season opens April 3 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 2026 (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 2027 meeting.

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A. SEASON DESCRIPTIONS

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

- See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. The fishery from April 4 through April 10 was closed via inseason action. NMFS, in consultation with the Council and the State of California, is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on fisheries scheduled before May 16, 2026. Open fishing dates of April 11 through May 15 were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.

- May 16-August 31.

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 21,800 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).

- September 1-30.

Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching a statewide harvest guideline of 20,000 Chinook applicable to the September open dates.

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 2027, season opens April 3 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 2026 (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 2027 meeting.

California statutes 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).

A person shall, upon request by an authorized agent or employee of the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife], immediately relinquish, at no charge, fish or parts of fish caught or landed in California to the department for the purpose of collecting a biological sample. (California Fish and Game Code §7711(a)).

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B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches) (See C.1)			
Area (when open)	Chinook	Coho	Pink
North of Cape Falcon (Westport and Col R)	22	16	-
North of Cape Falcon (Neah Bay and La Push)	24	16	-
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	24	16	-
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	24	16	-
OR/CA Border to Latitude 40°10' N. (CA KMZ)	20	-	-
Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg)	20	-	-
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco)	20	-	-
When open in 2027	24	-	-
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey)	20	-	-
May 16-September 30	20	-	-
When open in 2027	24	-	-

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

- 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.
- 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.

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.

TABLE 3. 2026 Treaty Indian troll management Alternatives for ocean salmon fisheries – Tribal proposed. (Page 1 of 2)

MAKAH ALTERNATIVE	QTA ALTERNATIVE
Supplemental Management Information	Supplemental Management Information
<i>Model run: Coho-2616a, Chinook-2226</i>	<i>Model run: Coho-2616b, Chinook-2226</i>
<p>1. Makah Treaty-Indian TAC: 45,000 Chinook and 45,000 coho.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. In 2027, the season will open May 1, consistent with all preseason regulations in place for Treaty Indian Troll fisheries during May 16-June 30, 2026. All catch in May 2027 applies against the 2027 Treaty Indian Troll fisheries quota. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2026 meetings.</p>	<p>1. QTA Treaty-Indian TAC: 45,000 Chinook and 40,000 coho.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. In 2027, the season will open May 1, consistent with all preseason regulations in place for Treaty Indian Troll fisheries during May 16-June 30, 2026. All catch in May 2027 applies against the 2027 Treaty Indian Troll fisheries quota. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2026 meetings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1 through the earlier of June 30 or 22,500 Chinook quota. <p>All salmon may be retained except coho. If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the later all-salmon season (C.5). See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 1 through a season end date in September at the discretion of each tribe, or 22,500 Chinook quota, or 45,000 coho quota. <p>All Salmon. See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1 through the earlier of June 30 or 22,500 Chinook quota. <p>All salmon may be retained except coho. If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the later all-salmon season (C.5). See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 1 through a season end date in September at the discretion of each tribe, or 22,500 Chinook quota, or 40,000 coho quota. <p>All salmon. See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).</p>

B. MINIMUM LENGTH (TOTAL INCHES)

Area (when open)	Chinook		Coho		Pink
	Total Length	Head-off	Total Length	Head-off	
North of Cape Falcon	24.0 (61.0 cm)	18.0 (45.7 cm)	16.0 (40.6 cm)	12.0 (30.5 cm)	None

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS

- C.1. Tribe and Area Boundaries. All boundaries may be changed to include such other areas as may hereafter be authorized by a Federal court for that tribe's treaty fishery.

S'KLALLAM - Washington State Statistical Area 4B (defined to include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from the Bonilla Point light on Vancouver Island to the Tatoosh Island light, thence to the most westerly point on Cape Flattery and westerly of a line projected true north from the fishing boundary marker at the mouth of the Sekiu River [WAC 220-301-030]).

MAKAH - Washington State Statistical Area 4B and that portion of the FMA north of 48°02'15" N. lat. (Norwegian Memorial) and east of 125°44'00" W. long.

QUILEUTE - A polygon commencing at Cape Alava, located at latitude 48°10'00" north, longitude 124°43'56.9" west; then proceeding west approximately forty nautical miles at that latitude to a northwestern point located at latitude 48°10'00" north, longitude 125°44'00" west; then proceeding in a southeasterly direction mirroring the coastline at a distance no farther than forty nautical miles from the mainland Pacific coast shoreline at any line of latitude, to a southwestern point at latitude 47°31'42" north, longitude 125°20'26" west; then proceeding east along that line of latitude to the Pacific coast shoreline at latitude 47°31'42" north, longitude 124°21'9.0" west.

HOH - That portion of the FMA between 47°54'18" N. lat. (Quillayute River) and 47°21'00" N. lat. (Quinault River) and east of 125°44'00" W. long.

QUINAULT - A polygon commencing at the Pacific coast shoreline near Destruction Island, located at latitude 47°40'06" north, longitude 124°23'51.362" west; then proceeding west approximately thirty nautical miles at that latitude to a northwestern point located at latitude 47°40'06" north, longitude 125°08'30" west; then proceeding in a southeasterly direction mirroring the coastline no farther than thirty nautical miles from the mainland Pacific coast shoreline at any line of latitude, to a southwestern point at latitude 46°53'18" north, longitude 124°53'53" west; then proceeding east along that line of latitude to the Pacific coast shoreline at latitude 46°53'18" north, longitude 124°7'36.6" west.

C.2. Gear restrictions

- a. Single point, single shank, barbless hooks are required in all fisheries.
- b. No more than eight fixed lines per boat.
- c. No more than four hand-held lines per person in the Makah area fishery (Washington State Statistical Area 4B and that portion of the FMA north of 48°02'15" N. lat. (Norwegian Memorial) and east of 125°44'00" W. long.)

C.3. Quotas

- a. The quotas include troll catches by the S'Klallam and Makah Tribes in Washington State Statistical Area 4B from May 1 through September 15.

C.4. Area Closures

- a. The area within a six nautical mile radius of the mouths of the Queets River (47°31'42" N. lat.) and the Hoh River (47°45'12" N. lat.) will be closed to commercial fishing.
- b. A closure within two nautical miles of the mouth of the Quinault River (47°21'00" N. lat.) may be enacted by the Quinault Nation and/or the State of Washington and will not adversely affect the Secretary of Commerce's management regime.

C.5. Inseason Management: In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMFS:

- a. Chinook remaining from the May through June treaty-Indian ocean troll harvest guideline north of Cape Falcon may be transferred to the July through September harvest guideline on a fishery impact equivalent basis.

Preseason Report II, TABLE 5. Projected key stock escapements (thousands of fish) or management criteria for 2026 ocean fishery Alternatives - STT analyzed^{da/} (Page 1 of 5)

Key Stock/Criteria	PROJECTED		2026 Criteria	Spawner Objective or Other Comparative Standard as Noted ^{bi/}
	Makah	QTA		
CHINOOK	CHINOOK		CHINOOK	
<u>SRKW PREY ABUNDANCE:</u>				
North of Falcon	955.0		≥ 623.0	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook from U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon.
Oregon Coast	570.9		NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook from Cape Falcon to Lat. 40°10' N.
California Coast	429.5		NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook south of Lat. 40°10' N.
Southwest WCVI	750.7		NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook off Southwest Vancouver Island.
Salish Sea	1,314.7		NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook in the Salish Sea.
<u>PUGET SOUND:</u>				
Elwha Summer/Fall	4.2%		≤ 10.0%	Southern U.S. exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Dungeness Spring	4.2%		≤ 10.0%	Southern U.S. exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Mid-Hood Canal Summer/Fall	17.4%		TBD	Preterminal Southern U.S. exploitation rate consistent with NMFS guidance.
Skokomish Summer/Fall	49.9%		≤ 50.0%	Total exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Nooksack Spring	13.5%		≤ 10.9%	Southern U.S. exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
	1.18		≤ 1.00	ISBM obligation applicable, as this stock lacks a PSC escapement goal. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Skagit Summer/Fall	43.7%		≤ 52.0%	Total exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
	–		≤ 0.95	ISBM obligation not applicable, escapement goal expected to be met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Skagit Spring	34.4%		≤ 36.0%	Total exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
	–		≤ 0.95	ISBM obligation not applicable, escapement goal expected to be met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Stillaguamish Summer/Fall	11.7%		≤ 9.0%	Southern U.S. exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
	1.24		≤ 1.00	ISBM obligation applicable, as this stock lacks a PSC escapement goal. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Snohomish Summer/Fall	10.3%		≤ 8.3%	Southern U.S. exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
	0.80		≤ 1.00	ISBM obligation applicable, as this stock lacks a PSC escapement goal. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Lake Washington Summer/Fall	0.747		≥ 0.500	Natural spawning escapement in the Cedar River (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Green River Summer/Fall	5.232		≥ 2.744	Natural spawning escapement in the Green River (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
White River Spring	17.1%		≤ 22.0%	Southern U.S. exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Puyallup Summer/Fall	3.208		≥ 1.170	Natural spawning escapement in the Puyallup River (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Nisqually River Summer/Fall	45.4%		≤ 47.0%	Total exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Puget Sound Spring	2.0%		≤ 3.0%	Exploitation rate in PFMC fisheries (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Puget Sound Summer/Fall	5.9%		≤ 6.0%	Exploitation rate in PFMC fisheries (NMFS ESA consultation standard).

TABLE 5. Projected key stock escapements (thousands of fish) or management criteria for 2026 ocean fishery management measure Alternatives - STT analyzed.^{a/} (Page 2 of 5)

Key Stock/Criteria	PROJECTED		2026 Criteria	Spawner Objective or Other Comparative Standard as Noted ^{b/}
	Makah	QTA		
CHINOOK	CHINOOK			CHINOOK
<u>WASHINGTON COAST:</u>				
Hoko Fall	0.874		≥ 0.850	FMP MSY spawning escapement objective.
	1.9%		≤ 10.0%	Calendar year exploitation rate ISBM obligation. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Quillayute Fall	>3.0		≥ 3.000	FMP MSY spawning escapement objective.
	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Hoh Fall	>1.2		≥ 1.200	FMP MSY spawning escapement objective.
	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Queets Fall	>2.5		≥ 2.500	FMP MSY spawning escapement objective.
	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Grays Harbor Fall	<13.3		≥ 13.326	FMP MSY spawning escapement objective.
	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
<u>COLUMBIA RIVER:</u>				
Columbia Upriver Brights	270.1		≥ 74.0	Minimum ocean escapement to attain 60.0 adults over McNary Dam, with normal distribution and no mainstem harvest.
Mid-Columbia Brights	106.9		≥ 14.9	Minimum ocean escapement to attain 7.9 for Little White Salmon egg-take, assuming average conversion and no mainstem harvest.
Columbia Lower River Hatchery Tules	117.9		≥ 25.0	Minimum ocean escapement to attain 11.1 adults for hatchery egg-take, with average conversion and no lower river mainstem or tributary harvest.
Columbia Lower River Natural Tules ^{c/} (threatened)	41.9%		≤ 41.0%	Total adult equivalent fishery exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Columbia Lower River Wild ^{e/} (threatened)	15.5		≥ 6.9	Minimum ocean escapement to attain MSY spawner goal of 5.7 for N. Lewis River fall Chinook (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Spring Creek Hatchery Tules	122.6		≥ 8.2	Minimum ocean escapement to attain 7.0 adults for Spring Creek Hatchery egg-take, assuming average conversion and no mainstem harvest.
Upper Columbia River Summer	40.5		≥ 29.0	Aggregate escapement to mouth of Columbia River.
Snake River Fall (threatened) SRFI	55.7%		≤ 70.0%	Of 1988-1993 base period exploitation rate for all ocean fisheries (NMFS ESA consultation standard).

TABLE 5. Projected key stock escapements (thousands of fish) or management criteria for 2026 ocean fishery management measure Alternatives - STT analyzed.^{a/} (Page 3 of 5)

Key Stock/Criteria	PROJECTED		2026 Criteria	Spawner Objective or Other Comparative Standard as Noted ^{b/}
	Makah	QTA		
CHINOOK	CHINOOK			CHINOOK
<u>OREGON COAST:</u>				
Nehalem Fall	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Siletz Fall	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Siuslaw Fall	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable when escapement goal is not met. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
South Umpqua	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable, as this stock lacks a PSC escapement goal. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
Coquille	--		≤ 0.85	ISBM obligation applicable, as this stock lacks a PSC escapement goal. Compliance assessed postseason by the PSC.
<u>CALIFORNIA:</u>				
Klamath River Fall	30.144		≥ 30.143	2026 minimum natural area adult escapement (FMP control rule).
Federally recognized tribal harvest	50.0%		50.0%	Equals 7,074 adult fish for Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribal fisheries.
Exploitation (spawner reduction) rate	25.0%		≤ 25.0%	FMP control rule.
Adult river mouth return	52.617		NA	Total adults.
Age-4 ocean harvest rate	8.2%		≤ 8.6%	NMFS guidance for implementing regulations addressing CCC.
KMZ sport fishery share	12.5%			
River recreational fishery share ^{g/}	45.8%			Equals 3241 adult fish for recreational inriver fisheries.
Sacramento River Winter (endangered)	15.4%		≤ 20%	Age-3 ocean impact rate in fisheries south of Pt. Arena. In addition, the following season restrictions apply: Recreational- Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. between the first Saturday in April and the second Sunday in November; Pigeon Pt. to the U.S./Mexico border between the first Saturday in April and the first Sunday in October. Minimum size limit ≥ 20 inches total length. Commercial- Pt. Arena to the U.S./Mexico border between May 1 and September 30, except Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro between October 1 and 15 (Monday-Friday). Minimum size limit ≥ 26 inches total length (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Sacramento River Fall	214.0		≥ 188.3	2026 minimum hatchery and natural area adult escapement (FMP).
Sacramento Index Exploitation Rate	45.5%		≤ 52.0%	FMP control rule.
Ocean commercial impacts	89.2			Includes fall (Sept-Dec) 2025 impacts (117 SRFC).
Ocean recreational impacts	52.9			Includes fall (Sept-Dec) 2025 impacts (8281 SRFC).
River recreational impacts ^{g/}	36.286			

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Key Stock/Criteria	PROJECTED		2026 Criteria	Spawner Objective or Other Comparative Standard as Noted ^{b/}
	Makah	QTA		
	COHO			COHO
Interior Fraser (Thompson River)	9.0%(3.9%)	8.7%(3.6%)	≤ 10.0%	2026 Southern U.S. exploitation rate ceiling; PSC coho agreement.
Skagit	54.2%(3.4%)	54.0%(3.2%)	≤ 60.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix ^{d/}
Stillaguamish	40.4%(2.5%)	40.3%(2.4%)	≤ 50.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix ^{d/}
Snohomish	41.9%(2.5%)	41.7%(2.4%)	≤ 40.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix ^{d/}
Hood Canal	36.7%(3.9%)	36.5%(3.6%)	≤ 45.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix ^{d/}
Strait of Juan de Fuca	9.9%(3.7%)	9.7%(3.5%)	≤ 20.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling (10% SUS); FMP matrix ^{d/}
Quillayute Fall	12.1	12.2	≥ 6.3	FMP MSY adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	29.6%	29.5%	≤ 51%	PST total exploitation rate constraint for 2026. ^{d/f/}
Hoh	5.5	5.5	≥ 2.0	FMP MSY adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	47.3%	47.0%	≤ 65%	FMP total exploitation rate constraint for 2026. ^{d/f/}
Queets Wild	8.7	8.7	≥ 5.8	FMP MSY adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	36.4%	36.1%	≤ 44%	PST total exploitation rate constraint for 2026. ^{d/f/}
Grays Harbor	73.5	73.7	≥ 35.4	FMP MSP natural area adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	49.1%	48.9%	≤ 56%	PST total exploitation rate constraint for 2026. ^{d/f/}
Willapa Bay	29.7	29.8	≥ 17.2	FMP MSY natural area adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
Lower Columbia River Natural ^{c/} (threatened)	23.5%	23.3%	≤ 23.0%	Total marine and mainstem Columbia R. fishery exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Upper Columbia ^{c/}	56%	57%	≥ 50%	Minimum percentage of the run to Bonneville Dam.
Columbia River Hatchery Early	198.9	199.4	≥ 77.2	Minimum ocean escapement to attain hatchery egg-take goal of 21.7 early adult coho, with average conversion and no mainstem or tributary fisheries.
Columbia River Hatchery Late	109.0	109.4	≥ 9.7	Minimum ocean escapement to attain hatchery egg-take goal of 6.4 late adult coho, with average conversion and no mainstem or tributary fisheries.
Oregon Coastal Natural ^{c/}	29.5%	29.4%	≤ 30.0%	Marine and freshwater fishery exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (threatened) ^{c/}				
Trinity Natural	15.7%	15.7%	≤ 16.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Klamath Natural	8.4%	8.4%	≤ 15.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Rogue Natural	7.4%	7.4%	≤ 15.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Other Natural	2.5%	2.5%	≤ 15.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).

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a/ Reflects 2026 fisheries and abundance estimates.

b/ ISBM obligation is assessed as a proportion of the 2009-2015 average calendar year exploitation rate. Ocean escapement is the number of salmon escaping ocean fisheries and entering freshwater with the following clarifications. For Columbia River early and late coho stocks, ocean escapement represents the number of coho after the Buoy 10 fishery. Numbers in parentheses represent Council area ERs for Puget Sound coho stocks. Values reported for Klamath River fall Chinook, Grays Harbor coho, and Willapa Bay coho are natural area adult spawners. Values reported for Sacramento River fall Chinook are hatchery and natural area adult spawners.

c/ For LCN coho, OCN coho, SONCC coho, and LCR natural tule Chinook, exploitation rates include projected impacts of inriver fisheries that have not yet been shaped. Bolded values identify ocean exploitation rates that, when combined with freshwater harvest rates, would exceed the total allowable exploitation rate.

d/ Annual management objectives may be different than FMP goals, and are subject to agreement between WDFW and the treaty tribes under U.S. District Court orders. It is anticipated that fishery management will be adjusted by state and tribal comanagers during the preseason planning process to comply with stock management objectives.

e/ Includes minor contributions from East Fork Lewis River and Sandy River.

f/ Management criteria depicted represent the lower of the FMP and PST Southern Coho Management Plan ER constraints in a given year (see Table III-5 in most recent Preseason Report I). PST ER constraints represent an approximation of the maximum ER associated with achieving the escapement goal. Per the provisions of the PST Southern Coho Management Plan, Parties may request increases to management unit specific ER caps, so long as it occurs prior to March 31 in a given year.

g/ Projected impacts of inriver fisheries that have not yet been shaped. California's inland fishery regulations are developed by the California Fish and Game Commission.

Preseason Report II, TABLE 7. Expected coastwide exploitation rates by fishery for 2026 ocean fisheries management Alternatives for lower Columbia Natural (LCN) coho, Oregon coastal natural (OCN) coho, Lower Columbia River (LCR) natural tule Chinook, and Southern Oregon Northern California Coastal (SONCC) coho salmon by natural-origin subcomponent - STT analyzed (Page 1 of 2).

Fishery	Exploitation Rate (Percent)					
	LCN Coho		OCN Coho		Chinook	
	Makah	QTA	Makah	QTA	Makah	QTA
SOUTHEAST ALASKA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	13.0%	
PUGET SOUND/STRAIT	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	
NORTH OF CAPE FALCON						
Treaty Indian Ocean Troll	2.1%	1.8%	0.5%	0.4%	1.9%	
Recreational	6.2%	6.2%	1.1%	1.1%	5.1%	
Non-Indian Troll	1.7%	1.7%	0.4%	0.4%	8.1%	
SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON						
Recreational:						0.2%
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	4.5%	4.5%	11.9%	11.9%	-	
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	-	
OR/CA border to Lat.40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-	
Fort Bragg	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-	
South of Pt. Arena	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	-	
Troll:						1.4%
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	0.9%	0.9%	1.5%	1.5%	-	
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	
OR/CA border to Lat. 40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	
Fort Bragg	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	
South of Pt. Arena	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	-	
BUOY 10	3.1%	3.1%	0.2%	0.2%	10.2%	
ESTUARY/FRESHWATER	4.6%	4.6%	12.8%	12.8%		
TOTAL ^{a/}	23.5%	23.3%	29.5%	29.4%	41.9%	

TABLE 7. Expected coastwide exploitation rates by fishery for 2026 ocean fisheries management measure Alternatives for lower Columbia Natural (LCN) coho, Oregon coastal natural (OCN) coho, Lower Columbia River (LCR) natural tle Chinook, and Southern Oregon Northern California Coastal (SONCC) coho salmon by natural-origin subcomponent - STT analyzed (Page 2 of 2).

Fishery	Exploitation Rate (Percent)							
	Trinity Natural		Klamath Natural		Rogue Natural		Other SONCC	
	Makah	QTA	Makah	QTA	Makah	QTA	Makah	QTA
SOUTHEAST ALASKA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
PUGET SOUND/STRAIT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NORTH OF CAPE FALCON								
Treaty Indian Ocean Troll	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Recreational	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Non-Indian Troll	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON								
Recreational:								
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
OR/CA border to Lat.40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Fort Bragg	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
South of Pt. Arena	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Troll:								
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
OR/CA border to Lat. 40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fort Bragg	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
South of Pt. Arena	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
BUOY 10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ESTUARY/FRESHWATER	13.2%	13.2%	5.9%	5.9%	4.9%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL^{a/}	15.7%	15.7%	8.4%	8.4%	7.4%	7.4%	2.5%	2.5%

a/ For LCN coho, OCN coho, SONCC coho, and LCR natural tle Chinook, includes projected impacts of inriver fisheries that have not yet been shaped. Bolded values identify ocean exploitation rates that, when combined with freshwater harvest rates, would exceed the total allowable exploitation rate.

Table A-1. Sacramento River winter Chinook age-3 ocean impact rate south of Pt. Arena by month, area, and fishery. Max rate: 20.0%.

Commercial										Recreational										
Total																				
Port Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total	Port Area	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF	0.09			0.32	0.14				0.54	SF			0.21	1.95	0.65	0.11	0.17			3.09
MO	0.23	1.41	1.28	0.45					3.37	MO	0.99	1.61	1.67	2.90	1.18	0.08				8.42
Total	0.32	1.41	1.28	0.77	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.91	Total	0.99	1.61	1.87	4.84	1.83	0.19	0.17	0.00	0.00	11.51

15.4% total impact rate

SF Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco)

MO Pigeon Pt. to the U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey)

Table A-2. Klamath River fall Chinook ocean impacts in numbers of fish by month, area, and fishery.

Commercial										Recreational												
Port Area	Fall 2025		Summer 2026					Summer Total	Year Total	Port Area	Fall 2025			Summer 2026					Summer Total	Year Total		
	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug			Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug			
NO	0	0		4	3	68	373		448	448	NO	0			0	11	0	0	21	92	124	124
CO	0	0		22	9	175			206	206	CO	0			0	0	0	3	6	143	152	152
KO				0	43	28			71	71	KO				0	0	8	79	8	57	152	152
KC											KC						172	138	41		351	351
FB											FB						30	74	31		135	135
SF					169			975	1,144	1,144	SF	0					47	493	100		640	640
MO					177	346	189	47	759	759	MO	0			14	4	0	0	0	0	18	18
Total	0	0		26	401	618	562	1,021	2,628	2,628	Total	0			0	25	12	331	741	465	1,574	1,574

30,144 natural area spawners, 25% spawner reduction rate, 8.2% age-4 ocean harvest rate

Table A-3. Klamath River fall Chinook age-4 ocean harvest by month, area, and fishery.

Commercial										Recreational												
Port Area	Fall 2025		Summer 2026					Summer Total	Year Total	Port Area	Fall 2025			Summer 2026					Summer Total	Year Total		
	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul				Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun			Jul	Aug
NO	0	0		3	2	14	212		231	231	NO	0			0	0	3	12		17	17	
CO	0	0		19	8	124			151	151	CO	0			0	0	1	18		19	19	
KO				0	28	25			53	53	KO				0	0	1	10	1	8	20	20
KC											KC							22	17	10	49	49
FB											FB							4	9	4	17	17
SF					129			238	367	367	SF	0						6	62	12	80	80
MO					133	154	173	43	503	503	MO	0			2	1	0	0	0	3	3	3
Total	0	0		22	300	317	385	281	1,305	1,305	Total	0			0	4	2	42	93	64	205	205

Table A-4. Sacramento River fall Chinook ocean impacts in numbers of fish by fishery and Alternative.

Commercial										Recreational												
Port Area	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer Total	Year Total	Port Area	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer Total	Year Total
	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug				Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		
NO	0	0	1,792	2,167	2,667	4,540		11,166	11,166	NO	49			5	0	11	145	366	183	710	759	
CO	0	9	1,080	1,313	1,110			3,503	3,512	CO	83			0	12	5	74	213	97	401	484	
KO			0	127	280			407	407	KO				0	0	35	144	227	101	507	507	
KC										KC							490	599	632	1,721	1,721	
FB										FB							252	1,344	997	2,593	2,593	
SF				12,375				14,376	26,751	26,751	SF	7,538					1,434	14,502	6,686	22,622	30,160	
MO				19,616	16,846	9,925	821	47,208	47,208	MO	611			6,737	2,655	2,785	3,245	691	16,113	16,724	16,724	
Total	0	9	2,872	35,598	20,903	14,465	15,197	89,035	89,044	Total	8,281			5	6,749	2,706	5,324	20,496	9,387	44,667	52,948	