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Written public comment on the Alternatives may be submitted to the PFMC (www.pcouncil.org) Public Comment Electronic Portal (E-Portal). The written public comment deadline is 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, April 4, 2026.

Verbal and written public comment on the Alternatives will also be accepted in person or online at the April Council meeting during April 8-12, 2026 during the public comment period for all Salmon Agenda Items.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AABM	Aggregate Abundance Based Management
ABC	acceptable biological catch
ACL	annual catch limit
AI	abundance index
BiOp	biological opinion
BC	British Columbia
CCC	California coastal Chinook
CCIEA	California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CFGC	California Fish and Game Commission
CO	central Oregon (South end of Heceta Bank to Humbug Mountain.)
Council	Pacific Fishery Management Council
CPUE	catch per unit effort
CYER	Calendar year exploitation rate
DPS	Distinct Population Segment
EA	Environmental Assessment
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENSO	El Niño/Southern Oscillation
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESU	Evolutionarily Significant Unit
FB	Fort Bragg (southern boundary of California KMZ to Point Arena)
FRAM	Fishery Regulation Assessment Model
FMA	fishery management area
FMP	fishery management plan
FONSI	finding of no significant impact
GSI	genetic stock identification
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission
ISBM	Individual Stock Based Management
KC	California KMZ (OR/CA border to latitude 40°10'N.)
KO	Oregon KMZ (Humbug Mountain to the OR/CA border)
KMZ	Klamath Management Zone
KRFC	Klamath River fall Chinook
LCN	Lower Columbia Natural (wild Columbia River coho below Bonneville Dam)
LCR	Lower Columbia River (wild Col. River tule fall Chinook below Bonneville Dam)
LRH	Lower River Hatchery (hatchery Col. River tule fall Chinook below Bonneville Dam)
LRW	Lower River Wild (Columbia River bright fall wild Chinook below Bonneville Dam)
MSST	minimum stock size threshold
MO	Monterey (Pigeon Point to the U.S./Mexico border)
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
MSA	Magnuson-Stevens Act
MSY	maximum sustainable yield
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NO	northern Oregon (Cape Falcon to south end of Heceta Bank)
NAO	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrative Order
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OCN	Oregon coastal natural (coho)
OFL	overfishing limit
OLE	Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA)
OPIH	Oregon Production Index Hatchery
OSP	Oregon State Police
PDO	Pacific (inter) Decadal Oscillation
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
S_{ABC}	spawning escapement associated with ABC
S_{ACL}	spawning escapement associated with ACL (= S_{ABC})
SCH	Spring Creek Hatchery (Col. R. tule fall Chinook returning to Spring Creek Hatchery [above Bonneville Dam])
SEAK	Southeast Alaska
S_{MSY}	MSY spawning escapement
SF	San Francisco (Point Arena to Pigeon Point)
SONCC	Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (coho ESU)
SRFC	Sacramento River fall Chinook
SRFI	Snake River fall (Chinook) Index
SRKW	Southern Resident Killer Whale
SRW	Snake River wild (fall Chinook)
SRWC	Sacramento River winter Chinook
STT	Salmon Technical Team
SWO	State Waters Only (fisheries off Oregon south of Cape Falcon)
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
WCVI	West Coast Vancouver Island
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report, referred to as Preseason Report II, is the third in an annual series of four reports prepared by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to document and help guide ocean salmon fishery management off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. This report describes the Council's proposed ocean salmon management alternatives for 2026[1] (Alternatives) and characterizes the expected impacts on ocean salmon fisheries and the stocks that support them. The Council solicits public comments on the proposed Alternatives in preparation for adopting final management recommendations at its annual April meeting. Three public hearings are scheduled to provide opportunity for public comments on the proposed Alternatives (information is displayed on the inside front cover of this report). In addition, opportunity for public comments will be provided at the April Council meeting. Written public comments can be submitted to the PFMC Public Comment Electronic Portal (E-Portal). The deadline for submitting written comments is 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, April 6, 2026. Verbal public comment on the Alternatives will also be accepted in person or online at the 2026 April Council meeting beginning April 8 during the public comment periods for Salmon Agenda Items.

This report constitutes the second part of an Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for the 2026 ocean salmon management measures. The first part of this EA (Preseason Report I; PFMC 2026b, incorporated herein by reference), includes a statement of the purpose and need for the proposed action, a description of the affected environment, a description of the No-Action Alternative, and an evaluation of the No-Action Alternative's effects on the salmon stocks included in the Council's Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This second part of the EA includes an additional description of the affected environment relevant to the Council's proposed Alternatives, a description of the Alternatives, and an analysis of the environmental consequences of the Alternatives, including short-term and long-term impacts of the Alternatives.

2.0 SELECTION OF FINAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Council's final ocean salmon season recommendations will be based on the range of Alternatives presented in this report and input received from deliberations at management forums such as the north of Cape Falcon planning process (sponsored by the States of Washington and Oregon and the treaty Indian tribes in that area), Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC), and from public hearings sponsored by the Council and the States of Washington, Oregon, and California. Final recommendations concerning season dates, catch quotas, and exploitation rates may vary from the Alternatives presented in this report depending upon determination of allocations, allowable harvest levels, public comment, and/or the final impact analyses completed by the STT. For example, elements of the Alternatives may be recombined to alter season patterns and quotas, or measures such as bag limits, days of fishing per week, special landing restrictions, and other specific regulatory details may also change.

Specific details pertaining to season structure and special management measures for the treaty Indian troll fishery north of Cape Falcon are established in tribal regulations. Chinook and coho quota levels for the treaty Indian troll fishery may be adjusted during preseason if substantial changes in incidental fishing mortality result from tribal regulations. Inseason quota levels may be adjusted through quota rollovers, take reductions, or shifts in subquota between areas.

The impact analyses presented in this document reflect uncertainties and limitations of information available at the time of the March 2026 Council meeting. At this point in the planning cycle, the STT's

[1] The fishery management measures under consideration would cover the period May 16, 2026 through May 15, 2027. For ease of reference, we refer to this time period as 2026.

impact assessments reflect five key assumptions relative to stocks impacted by Canadian and Alaskan fisheries:

1) abundance levels for north and mid-Oregon coastal Chinook and Canadian Chinook and coho stocks are identical to 2025 forecasts;
2) for Chinook fisheries managed under the aggregate abundance-based management (AABM) provisions of the 2019 Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) Agreement, including Southeast Alaska (SEAK), Northern British Columbia (NBC), and West Coast Vancouver Island (WCVI), 2026 fisheries were modeled using fishing effort scalars from the final 2025 preseason model run;
3) for Canadian Chinook fisheries managed under individual stock-based management (ISBM) regimes, the 2026 fishery inputs were modeled using recent two-year average catches to reflect anticipated fishing levels consistent with the 2019 PST Agreement;
4) for Canadian coho fisheries, all fisheries were modeled using 2025 final preseason fishery inputs;
5) for Southern U.S. inside fisheries for Chinook and inside and coastal terminal fisheries for coho, the 2025 final preseason modeled fisheries were used.

In mid-March, U.S. and Canadian fishery managers exchange information regarding preseason expectations for fisheries and the status of Chinook and coho stocks. The PSC's Chinook Model will be calibrated by the PSC Chinook Technical Committee to determine the annual catch limits for each of the AABM fisheries under the 2019 PST Agreement. Abundances and fishery expectations will be adjusted in the Council's fishery planning models prior to the April Council meeting, and inside fisheries will be shaped by state and tribal co-managers both prior to and during the April Council meeting.

Any Alternative considered for adoption that deviates from Salmon FMP objectives will require implementation by emergency rule. If an emergency rule appears to be necessary, the Council must clearly identify and justify the need for such an action consistent with emergency criteria established by the Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

3.0 SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The Council's Salmon FMP includes objectives for setting annual management measures to regulate ocean salmon fisheries between the U.S./Canada border and the U.S./Mexico border. The objectives include biological, administrative, and allocation requirements. In recommending final management measures, the Council attempts to meet all objectives in a fair and balanced manner, while maintaining established priorities.

Biological objectives for stocks originating in the Council area and impacted by Council area ocean fisheries are listed in Table 3-1 of the Salmon FMP. The objectives generally consist of meeting spawning escapement numbers associated with maximum sustainable yield (S_{MSY}), overfishing limits (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), and annual catch limits (ACL), or exploitation rate limits designed to support recovery of depressed stocks or to rebuild overfished stocks, while encompassing a long-term average harvest approximating maximum sustainable yield (MSY).

Administrative objectives are requirements for meeting "other applicable law" as required by the Magnuson Stevens Act (MSA). These objectives are intended to meet the requirements of other laws including the Endangered Species Act (ESA), international treaties, and tribal treaties and executive orders. The Salmon FMP refers to measures needed to protect ESA listed species analyzed in or required by biological opinions (BiOps) issued by NMFS under ESA section 7(a)(2) as "consultation standards". Section 5.0 of this document provides greater detail on ESA listed species, while impacts of the proposed Alternatives on ESA listed species are included in Table 5.

The Salmon FMP requires compliance with relevant terms of the PST. Section 6.0 of this document provides greater detail on PST provisions and stocks, while impacts of the Council adopted proposed Alternatives on those stocks are included in Table 5.

The Salmon FMP requires the Council to abide by Court orders regarding tribal treaties and other tribal fishing rights in the *U.S. v. Washington* (Puget Sound), *Hoh v. Baldrige* (Washington coast), and *U.S. v. Oregon* (Columbia River) cases, and the Solicitor General opinion (Klamath River) governing allocation and management of shared salmon resources. Much of the North of Falcon forum is dedicated to annual negotiations establishing allocation among the tribes, non-Indian fishing sectors, and ocean and inside interests. By taking into account the results of these negotiations, the Council ensures its final management measure recommendations are consistent with the relevant tribal treaty fishing rights while meeting biological, administrative, and allocation objectives.

The Columbia River Treaty Tribes establish periodic management agreements with the state co-managers and Federal agencies. These agreements are approved pursuant to provisions of *U.S. v. Oregon* procedures. Recent agreements have included an entitlement for the treaty tribes of 50 percent of the coho return destined for areas upstream from Bonneville Dam. Council area fisheries are shaped in order to meet this requirement in some years.

The Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes are entitled to 50 percent of the total adult Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC) harvest, which is calculated as a harvest of adult KRFC equal to that taken in all non-Indian fisheries. The Council must account for all harvest impacts when assessing the achievement of KRFC conservation objectives.

4.0 SALMON SPECIES LISTED UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Since 1989, NMFS has listed the following 17 Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of salmon under the ESA:

Species	ESU	Status	Federal Register Notice			
			Most Recent		Original Listing	
	Chinook					
Chinook Salmon (*O. tshawytscha*)	Sacramento River Winter	Endangered	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	54 FR 32085	8/1/1989
	Snake River Fall	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	57 FR 14653	4/22/1992
	Snake River Spring/Summer	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	57 FR 14653	4/22/1992
	Puget Sound	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14308	3/24/1999
	Lower Columbia River	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14308	3/24/1999
	Upper Willamette River	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14308	3/24/1999
	Upper Columbia River Spring	Endangered	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14308	3/24/1999
	Central Valley Spring	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 50394	9/16/1999
	California Coastal	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 50394	9/16/1999
	Chum					
Chum Salmon (*O. keta*)	Hood Canal Summer-Run	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14508	3/25/1999
	Columbia River	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14508	3/25/1999
	Coho					
Coho Salmon (*O. kisutch*)	Central California Coast	Endangered	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	61 FR 56138	10/31/1996
	S. Oregon/ N. California Coast	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	62 FR 24588	6/5/1997
	Oregon Coast	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	63 FR 42587	8/10/1998
	Lower Columbia River	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	70 FR 37160	6/28/2005
	Sockeye					
Sockeye Salmon (*O. nerka*)	Snake River	Endangered	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	56 FR 58619	11/20/1991
	Ozette Lake	Threatened	81 FR 33468	5/26/2016	64 FR 14528	3/25/1999

As the listings have occurred, NMFS has initiated formal consultations and issued BiOps that consider the impacts resulting from implementation of the Salmon FMP and annual management measures to listed salmonid species. NMFS has also reinitiated consultation on certain ESUs when required due to pertinent new information becoming available on the status of the stocks or on the impacts of the Salmon FMP on the stocks. The consultation standards referred to in this document are derived from and/or analyzed in those consultations and include: (1) reasonable and prudent alternatives and/or reasonable and prudent measures, (2) conservation objectives or frameworks that were included as part of the proposed action subject to Section 7 consultations, and (3) NMFS requirements under ESA Section 4(d) determinations.

A list of current salmonid BiOps and the species they apply to:

Date	Evolutionarily Significant Unit covered and effective period
3/8/1996	Snake River spring/summer and fall Chinook and sockeye (until reinitiated)
4/28/1999	Oregon Coastal natural coho and Central California coastal coho (until reinitiated)
4/28/2000	Central Valley spring Chinook (until reinitiated)
4/27/2001	Hood Canal summer chum 4(d) limit (until reinitiated)
4/30/2001	Upper Willamette Chinook, Upper Columbia spring Chinook, Lake Ozette sockeye, Columbia River chum, and 10 steelhead ESUs (until reinitiated)
4/30/2004	Puget Sound Chinook (until reinitiated)
2/29/2024	California coastal Chinook (until reinitiated)
4/26/2012	Lower Columbia River Chinook (until reinitiated)
4/09/2015	Lower Columbia River natural coho (until reinitiated)
4/26/2018	Sacramento River winter Chinook (until reinitiated)
4/28/2022	Southern Oregon/Northern California coast coho (until reinitiated)

Amendment 12 to the Salmon FMP added the generic category "species listed under the ESA" to the list of stocks in the salmon management unit and modified respective escapement goals to include "manage consistent with NMFS jeopardy [consultation] standards or recovery plans to meet immediate conservation needs and long-term recovery of the species." Amendment 14 specified those listed ESUs and clarified which stocks in the FMP management unit were representative of the ESUs.

In a letter received by the Council (dated March 2, 2026), NMFS summarized existing consultation standards and measures needed to manage the fisheries consistent with biological opinions for species listed under the ESA during the 2026 fishing season. The letter summarized the measures analyzed and/or recommended in the relevant NMFS BiOps on the effects of fisheries managed under the Salmon FMP on listed salmon and specified impact limits applicable for the 2026 fishing season given abundance forecasts and other season-specific information. The letter also provides NMFS recommendations for certain non-ESA listed stocks in the fishery.

The ESA consultation standards, applicable management measures, and other criteria in place for the 2026 management season are presented in Table 5. Some listed species are either rarely incidentally caught in Council fisheries (e.g., spring Chinook from the upper Columbia River) or already receive sufficient protection from measures implemented to limit impacts to other stocks (e.g., Central Valley spring Chinook). NMFS has determined that management actions designed to limit catch from these ESUs, beyond what will be provided by harvest constraints for other stocks, are not necessary to avoid jeopardy to these ESUs.

Of the listed Chinook and coho, Council-managed fisheries have substantial impacts on the Sacramento River winter Chinook ESU (SRWC), Central Valley spring Chinook ESU, California coastal Chinook ESU (CCC), the natural component of the Snake River fall Chinook ESU (referred to in the FMP as Snake River wild fall Chinook (SRW), the fall component of the lower Columbia River (LCR) Chinook ESU, and all of the coho ESUs.

Additional listed salmonid ESUs found within the Council area, but not substantially impacted by Council managed fisheries, include:

Chinook	**Steelhead**
Snake River spring/summer (threatened)	Southern California (endangered)
Upper Willamette (threatened)	South-central California coast (threatened)
Puget Sound (threatened)	Upper Columbia River (endangered)
Upper Columbia River spring (endangered)	Middle Columbia River (threatened)
	Snake River Basin (threatened)
Sockeye	Puget Sound (threatened)
Snake River (endangered)	Central Valley, California (threatened)
Ozette Lake Sockeye (threatened)	Central California coast (threatened)
	Upper Willamette River (threatened)
Chum	Lower Columbia River (threatened)
Columbia River (threatened)	Northern California (threatened)
Hood Canal summer (threatened)	

5.0 OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PACIFIC SALMON TREATY

In 1985 the PST was signed, setting long-term goals for the benefit of the shared salmon resources of the United States and Canada. The PSC is the body formed by the governments of Canada and the United States to implement the PST.

5.1 Chinook Salmon Management

A ten-year agreement under the PST was adopted by both the U.S. and Canada and implemented beginning with the 2019 fishing year. The 2019 Agreement includes reductions to catch ceilings for the SEAK and WCVI AABM fisheries relative to the 2009 Agreement. For SEAK, the reductions range from 1.5 percent in years of high abundance to 7.5 percent in years of low abundance. For WCVI, the reductions range from 2.4 percent in years of high abundance to 12.5 percent in years of low abundance. Additionally, with the implementation of the 2019 Agreement, the allowable catches for SEAK fisheries were no longer determined using the abundance index (AI) produced by the PSC Chinook Model, rather, they were set using a catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) estimate from the early winter power troll fishery (see Tables 1 and 2 in Chapter 3 of the 2019 PST Agreement for specifics). Use of this approach continued through 2022, however, in 2023 the PSC agreed to suspend the use of the CPUE approach and adopted a new multivariate model for setting the 2023 SEAK AABM catch limit, which incorporates PSC Chinook Model AIs and the early winter power troll CPUE. In 2024, the PSC reverted back to use of the PSC Chinook Model AI to set the catch limit for the SEAK AABM fishery.

Fisheries not subject to AABM regimes, including Council area fisheries, are subject to a new set of ISBM obligations under the 2019 agreement. These provisions require the calendar year exploitation rate (CYER) by all U.S. fisheries south of the U.S./Canada border on specific indicator stocks to be below some level of the average 2009 – 2015 CYER if they do not achieve their management objectives (see Attachment I in Chapter 3 of the 2019 Agreement for specifics). Similar to previous ISBM obligations, these limits are taken into account during preseason planning processes, however, relative to meeting the provisions of the PST, the CYER limits are evaluated on a postseason basis only. Canadian fisheries that are not included in AABM complexes are managed under ISBM constraints, which, similar to U.S. ISBM fisheries, require the CYER by Canadian ISBM fisheries on specific indicator stocks to be below some level of the average 2009 – 2015 CYER if they do not achieve their management objectives. Expectations for Canadian and Alaskan fisheries harvest and stock abundance forecasts are incorporated into the Chinook FRAM to estimate total exploitation rate impacts from all marine fisheries (Table 5).

Key considerations for Canadian domestic fishery management for Chinook in 2026 are expected to include: (1) meeting domestic conservation obligations for WCVI, Lower Strait of Georgia, Fraser River Spring 4.2 and 5.2, Fraser Summer 5.2, Fraser Summer 4.1 and Fraser Fall 4.1 (Harrison River) stocks; (2) meeting PST obligations (both CYER limits and escapement targets); (3) meeting First Nations Food, Social and Ceremonial and treaty obligations for Chinook harvests by First Nations; and (4) monitoring of incidental impacts during commercial and First Nations fisheries directed at sockeye, pink, and chum salmon. It is anticipated that the details of the fishery regulatory package off WCVI and in the Juan de Fuca-Strait of Georgia areas will be driven by levels of allowable impact on WCVI, Lower Strait of Georgia, and Fraser River Chinook stocks, PST obligations, Interior Fraser (Thompson River) coho, and potentially Thompson and/or Chilcotin River Steelhead. Increasing the availability of Chinook salmon in key foraging areas of Southern Resident Killer Whales in the southern British Columbia (BC) region is an additional consideration which will be supported through conservation actions implemented for Fraser River and other Chinook salmon.

5.2 Coho Salmon Management

In 2002, the PSC adopted a management plan for coho salmon originating in Washington and Southern British Columbia river systems. The plan is directed at the conservation of key management units: four from Southern British Columbia (Interior Fraser, Lower Fraser, Strait of Georgia Mainland, and Strait of Georgia Vancouver Island) and nine from Washington (Skagit, Stillaguamish, Snohomish, Hood Canal, Strait of Juan de Fuca, Quillayute, Hoh, Queets, and Grays Harbor). Exploitation rate limits for intercepting fisheries are established for individual management units through formulas specified in the 2019 PST Southern Coho Management Plan and are based on total allowable fishery exploitation rates.

The categorical status of U.S. coho management units are reported to comply with obligations pursuant to the 2019 PST Southern Coho Management Plan. Categorical status is employed by the PSC under the 2019 PST Southern Coho Management Plan to indicate general ranges of allowable total exploitation rates for U.S. and Canadian coho management units. The following three categories are employed: low (total exploitation rate less than 20 percent), moderate (total exploitation rate 20 percent to 40 percent), and abundant (total exploitation rate greater than 40 percent). For the Puget Sound management units, the 2019 PST Southern Coho Management Plan uses the thresholds and stepped harvest rate goals from the Comprehensive Coho Agreement, developed by Washington and the Puget Sound treaty Tribes, and adopted by the Council as FMP conservation objectives in November 2009. Actual exploitation rate constraints for Canadian fisheries on U.S. coho management units are determined by formulas that specify sharing of allowable exploitation rates and a composite rule. The composite rule adjusts constraints for Canadian fishery exploitation rates based on the number of U.S. management units which fall in a given category. For example, if only one Washington coastal or Puget Sound coho management unit is in low status, Canadian fisheries are constrained to a total exploitation rate on that unit of 12 percent; if two or more Washington coastal management units are in low status, the constraint becomes 10 percent. The most restrictive exploitation rate limit for Canadian fishery impacts on U.S. coho management units is 10 percent.

For several Washington coastal coho management units, management objectives are expressed as a range of spawning escapements expected to produce MSY. Allowable exploitation rates are calculated from the forecast abundance and the lower end of the escapement range and used to classify the categorical status of the management units. This rate is the maximum allowed under the PST when the management unit is in the moderate or abundant status, but exploitation rates up to 20 percent are allowed if the management unit is in the low abundance status. The 2026 Puget Sound and Washington coast coho constraints are provided in Table 9.

Key considerations for Canadian fishery management for coho in 2026 are expected to include: (1) meeting domestic conservation obligations for Interior Fraser (including Thompson River) coho; (2) coho harvests by First Nations fisheries; (3) incidental impacts during commercial and First Nations fisheries directed at Chinook, chum, and pink salmon. The Canadian fishery regimes affecting coho are expected to be driven by Canadian domestic allowable impacts on the Interior Fraser management unit, Fraser Chinook concerns, and Fraser sockeye stocks of concern.

In years prior to 2014, Canadian fisheries were managed so as not to exceed a three percent maximum exploitation rate. In May 2014, Canada decided to permit up to a 16 percent exploitation rate on upper Fraser coho in Canadian fisheries to allow for impacts in fisheries directed at a record Fraser sockeye forecast. Since 2015, upper Fraser coho in Canadian fisheries have been managed per low status limitations. The projected status of Canadian coho management units in 2026 indicates continuing concerns for the condition of Interior Fraser coho. The Interior Fraser coho management unit is anticipated to remain in low abundance status, resulting in a requirement to constrain the total mortality fishery exploitation rate for 2026 Southern U.S. fisheries to a maximum of 10.0 percent.

6.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERNATIVES

Detailed information on the proposed 2026 ocean salmon management measure Alternatives is presented in Table 1 (non-Indian commercial), Table 2 (recreational), and Table 3 (treaty Indian). Notable changes from recent seasons that are reflected in the action Alternatives are highlighted below. Table 5 and Appendix A also include information on the Alternatives. The 'no action' Alternative (2025 fishery structure) is detailed in Preseason Report I (PFMC 2026b).

Management measures for fisheries scheduled to occur prior to May 16, 2026[2], which were adopted as part of the 2025 management measures, were modified by inseason action at the March 2026 Council meeting. The Alternatives under consideration by the Council would govern fisheries from May 16, 2026 through May 15, 2027.

On March 9, 2026, NMFS took inseason action[3] to:

- Close the non-tribal commercial troll fisheries between Cape Falcon, OR and Humbug Mountain, OR through April 13 and between Humbug Mountain and the Oregon/California border through April 13;
- Close the recreational fisheries from the Oregon/California border to latitude 40°10' N (California Klamath Management Zone), from latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena, CA (Fort Bragg management area), and from Point Arena, CA to Pigeon Point, CA (San Francisco management area) that would otherwise open prior to May 16 under the 2025-2026 management measures;
- Close the recreational fishery from Pigeon Point, CA to the U.S./Mexico border (Monterey management area) through April 10, with the area opening on April 11 with an area-specific harvest guideline of 21,000 Chinook salmon;
- Close the commercial troll fishery from latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena, CA (Fort Bragg management area) that would otherwise open prior to May 16 under the 2025-2026 management measures.

Additional inseason actions may be taken to address fisheries prior to May 16, 2026. The modeled impacts for March, April, and May 1-15, 2026, as displayed in Table 5, Table 7, and Appendix A, reflect potential inseason approaches for pre-May 16. Under each alternative, inseason action would open commercial fisheries north of Cape Falcon, OR from May 1-May 15. The commercial fishery in Alternative 1, 2, and 3 from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain would be open from April 14 to May 15 and from Humbug Mountain to the OR/CA border from April 15 to April 30. The recreational fishery in Alternative 1, 2, and 3 from Cape Falcon to the OR/CA border would be open from March 15 to May 15. The purpose of modeling the various impacts is to provide the Council and the public with an understanding of how potential pre-May 16 inseason actions would affect the impacts to stocks of concern, and to obtain public input on these potential inseason actions.

For the April 2026 Council meeting and Preseason Report III, impact assessments will project impacts for pre-May 16 fisheries based on regulations in place at the time, including the 2025 regulations that authorized fisheries through May 16, 2026 and any inseason actions to date. Any changes to the model runs will reflect the management measures being considered by the Council for the May 16, 2026 through May 15, 2027 ocean salmon fishery regulatory period.

[2]See March 2026, Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 4. Available at https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2026/02/c-3-attachment-4-list-of-2026-salmon-fisheries-scheduled-to-occur-prior-to-may-16-2026.pdf/

[3] See Inseason Action #23-25 in Ocean Salmon Fisheries, South of Cape Falcon (Recreational and Commercial). Available at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/bulletin/inseason-actions-23-25-ocean-salmon-fisheries-south-cape-falcon-recreational

6.1 Commercial

Alternatives for the area north of Cape Falcon reflect slightly decreased total abundances of Columbia River Chinook and slightly increased abundances of Columbia River hatchery coho compared to 2025 forecasts. In 2026, allowable harvest of Chinook will likely be similar or slightly decreased from 2025 due to lower predicted returns for Columbia River tule Chinook. Coho quotas will likely be comparatively similar or slightly higher in 2026 due to higher forecasted abundance of Oregon Production Index Hatchery (OPIH) stocks.

Alternative I north of Cape Falcon assigns 67 percent of the troll Chinook quota to the May-June Chinook directed fishery; Alternative II assigns 67 percent of the troll Chinook quota to the May-June Chinook directed fishery; Alternative III assigns 50 percent of the troll Chinook quota to the May-June Chinook directed fishery. In all Alternatives, the May-June fishery is open May 16 through June 29, seven days per week; catch limits in the areas north of the Queets River and in the area south of Leadbetter Point are in place during the May-June Chinook directed fishery. In Alternative I, there are per vessel per landing week (Thursday-Wednesday) landing and possession limits in place in the areas north of the Queets River and south of Leadbetter Point. In Alternatives II and III, there are per vessel weekly landing and possession limits in place in all areas. The July-September all-salmon fishery in Alternatives I and II is open seven days per week July 1 through September 30 while Alternative III is open seven days per week July 1 through September 22; Chinook per vessel weekly landing and possession limits are in place for Alternatives II and III and coho per vessel weekly landing and possession limits are in place for all Alternatives. Also, in all Alternatives, the Chinook minimum size limit is 27 inches total length, all retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip, and the fishery is scheduled to open in 2026 on May 1.

Commercial fisheries south of Cape Falcon will again be constrained or closed owing to low abundance forecasts for KRFC. Conservation concerns for ESA listed CCC and Southern Oregon/Northern California (SONCC) coho will also limit fisheries in 2026. All Alternatives are structured to achieve a maximum KRFC exploitation rate of 25 percent, the maximum KRFC age-4 ocean harvest rate that includes a buffer set according to regulations addressing California Coastal Chinook of 8.6 percent, and a minimum hatchery and natural-area escapement of 188,200 adult SRFC.

For the area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain, the all salmon except coho fishery is open on May 16 for all Alternatives. Periods allowing retention of all salmon except coho from Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line and from Heceta Bank Line to Humbug Mountain are included in May, June, and July. All Alternatives from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain provide for an all salmon season with a non-mark-selective coho quota in September and an all salmon except coho season in October.

The commercial fishery in the area between Humbug Mountain and the OR/CA border (Oregon KMZ) is open for Chinook retention from May 16 to June 30 under Alternative III. The Oregon KMZ is closed under Alternative I and II.

In Alternative I, the Fort Bragg (40°10’ N. lat. to Point Arena), San Francisco (Point Arena to Pigeon Point), and Monterey (Pigeon Point to the U.S.-Mexico border) areas are open for two four-day periods in August, as well as several more short open periods in May, June, and July in the Monterey management area. The California KMZ (OR/CA border to 40°10’ N. lat.) is closed in this alternative. Seasons prior to September 1 are subject to a statewide harvest limit of 48,800 Chinook. Two five-day periods in September are also open in the San Francisco management area with a harvest limit of 20,000 Chinook. Both summer and fall fishery dates would be subject to a weekly landing and possession limit of 100 Chinook per vessel.

Alternative II would only see California fishing opportunity in the San Francisco and Monterey management areas, with a series of seven-day openers in May, June, and August and a statewide harvest

limit of 52,000 Chinook. A separate fall fishery would allow for four five-day openers in September in the subarea between 38°02" N. lat. and Pigeon Point, with a separate harvest limit of 20,000 Chinook. As with Alternative I, both summer and fall fishery dates would be subject to a weekly landing and possession limit of 100 Chinook per vessel.

Under Alternative III, the California KMZ is open under a 2,000 Chinook monthly quota and all areas south of 40°10' N. lat. are closed. Under this alternative, vessels would be subject to a daily landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook.

6.2 Recreational

North of Cape Falcon under Alternative I, the areas north of the Queets River are open June 20 through July 5 for all salmon species except coho with a daily bag limit of one salmon. Beginning July 6, the areas north of the Queets River are open for all salmon species with a daily bag limit of two salmon. The areas south of the Queets River open on June 20 for all salmon species with a daily bag limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a Chinook. All areas are open seven days per week, and the closing date for all areas is September 30.

North of Cape Falcon under Alternative II, the areas north of the Queets River are open June 27 through July 5 for all salmon species except coho with a daily bag limit of one salmon. Beginning July 6, the areas north of the Queets River are open for all salmon species with a daily bag limit of two salmon. The area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Point is open June 20 through July 5 for all salmon species except coho with a daily bag limit of one salmon. Beginning July 6, the area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Point is open for all salmon species with a daily bag limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a Chinook. The area south of Leadbetter Point is open June 27 for all salmon species with a daily bag limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a Chinook. All areas are open seven days per week, and the closing date for all areas is September 30.

In Alternative III, the areas north of the Queets River are open June 20 for all salmon species, seven days per week, with a daily bag limit of two salmon. The area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Point is open June 28 through July 30 for all salmon species, five days per week (Sunday-Thursday) with a daily limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a Chinook. Beginning July 31, open seven days per week with a daily limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a Chinook. The area south of Leadbetter Point is open June 27 for all salmon species, seven days per week, with a daily bag limit of two salmon, only one of which may be a Chinook. The closing date for all areas is September 30.

In all Alternatives north of Cape Falcon, all retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip.

South of Cape Falcon in the area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain under Alternative I, II, and III, the all salmon except coho season would be open from May 16 through October 31. In Alternative I and II the all salmon except coho season would be open from Humbug Mountain the OR/CA border from May 16 through August 31. An all salmon fishery with a non-mark-selective coho quota would be open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain for the month of September in all three Alternatives.

In the area between Cape Falcon and the OR/CA border, a mark-selective coho fishery world be open early- to late June through mid- to late August with a marked coho quota in each Alternative.

All the California management areas (California KMZ, Fort Bragg, San Francisco, and Monterey) would see some opportunity in all three alternatives. Alternative I would allow fishing in part of June, July, and August in the California KMZ, Fort Bragg, and San Francisco management areas, and from April 11

through August 31 in the Monterey Management Area. This alternative would also allow for fall fisheries in the 38°02" N. lat. to Pigeon Point subarea as well as the Monterey management area.

Alternative II sees expanded opportunity in the California KMZ, Fort Bragg, and San Francisco management areas, including an additional 12-day open period in the San Francisco management area in May. The Monterey management area would close one week earlier in this alternative and fall fisheries would include all of the San Francisco and Monterey management areas, but with earlier closing dates than in Alternative I.

Alternative III is the most restrictive in the California management areas with a reduced number of open days in all four management areas. In this alternative, the fall fishery is again reduced from Alternatives I and II and would only open in the San Francisco management area.

Under all three alternatives, California recreational fisheries would be subject to area-specific harvest guidelines for April through August open dates, as well as a separate harvest guideline of 20,000 Chinook applicable to all open areas in fisheries occurring in September and October.

6.3 Treaty Indian

Tribal troll Alternatives were proposed and will be evaluated during the North of Falcon process.

The proposed Alternatives include a May-June Chinook directed fishery and an all-species fishery targeting coho and Chinook from July 1 to an end date of no later than September 30. Season structure with regard to the closing date is still under discussion among the tribes. All Alternatives assign 50 percent of the Chinook quota to each fishing season. The May-June Chinook fishery opens May 1 and allows for the retention of all salmon except coho. The minimum total lengths for Chinook and coho are 24 inches and 16 inches, respectively.

Any balance of fish remaining from the Chinook directed fishery may be transferred to the all-species fishery on an impact neutral basis.

7.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS

The affected environment consists of the following components:

- Target (FMP) species
- Social or economic environments
- Non-target species, including ESA listed salmonids
- Essential Fish Habitat
- Public health or safety
- ESA listed non-salmonid species or critical habitat, including ESA listed marine mammals
- Non-ESA listed marine mammals
- Biodiversity or ecosystem function

7.1 Salmon Stocks in the Fishery

Target stocks include Chinook, coho, and pink salmon stocks identified in Appendix A, Table A-1 of Preseason Report I (Part 1 of this EA; PFMC 2026b). ESA listed Chinook and coho species are not targeted in Council area salmon fisheries but will be included in the analysis of effects on target species because they are impacted coincidentally with targeted salmon stocks and frequently constrain access to targeted stocks. Impacts to other ESA listed species (e.g., marine mammals) from the Alternatives will be analyzed in a later section of this EA.

A description of the historical baseline for this component of the affected environment is presented in the *Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (PFMC 2026a). The current status (2026 ocean abundance forecasts) of the environmental components expected to be affected by the 2026 ocean salmon fisheries regulation Alternatives (FMP salmon stocks) are described in the 2026 Preseason Report I (PFMC 2026b). The criteria used to evaluate whether there are significant effects from the Alternatives on target stocks are achievement of conservation objectives, ACLs, and rebuilding criteria For ESA listed species (also referred to as 'stocks' in this document) impacted by the fishery, the ESA consultation standards are considered to help determine whether there are significant effects. The Salmon FMP conservation objectives are based on the best available science and are intended to prevent overfishing while achieving optimum sustainable yield from West Coast salmon fisheries as required by the MSA. The ESA consultation standards are likewise based on the best available science and are intended to ensure that fishery impacts do not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of listed species. FMP conservation objectives also include criteria for rebuilding overfished stocks. Therefore, conservation objectives and consultation standards are appropriate considerations for determining the significance of fishery management actions. In addition, NMFS has conducted NEPA analysis for most of these standards and has concluded that their effects are insignificant.

7.1.1 Chinook Salmon

Fishery quotas under all the Alternatives are presented in Table 4. Stock-specific management criteria and their forecast values under the Alternatives are provided in Table 5. Projected fishery landings, bycatch, and bycatch mortality under the Alternatives are summarized in Table 6. Table 7 provides a breakdown of impacts by fishery and area for LCR natural tule Chinook. Appendix A presents tables of the SRWC age-3 impact rate, KRFC impacts, KRFC age-4 ocean harvest, and adult SRFC impacts, stratified by fishery, month, and management area under the three Alternatives.

7.1.1.1 North of Cape Falcon

The abundance projection important to Chinook harvest management north of Cape Falcon in 2026 is:

- *Columbia River hatchery tules*. Combined production of Lower River Hatchery (LRH) and Spring Creek Hatchery (SCH) stocks returning to the Columbia River is forecasted to be 242,000, which is less than the 2025 preseason expectation of 306,200. The LRH forecast is 118,600, which is similar to the forecast of 121,500in 2025. The SCH forecast is 123,400, which is lower than the 2025 forecast of 184,700.

The primary Chinook salmon management objective shaping the Alternatives north of Cape Falcon is:

- Consultation standards and NMFS annual guidance for ESA listed stocks as provided in Section 5.0 above. Relevant ESA listed stocks for the area north of Cape Falcon include LCR natural tule Chinook, LRW fall Chinook, and SRW fall Chinook.

Descriptions pertaining to the achievement of key objectives for Chinook salmon management north of Cape Falcon are:

- *LCR natural tule fall Chinook*. The Alternatives have exploitation rates on LCR natural tule fall Chinook that range from 39.9 percent to 42.5 percent when combined with preliminary 2026 harvest rates for Columbia River fisheries. In-river fisheries are still being shaped. In Alternatives I and II, the exploitation rate exceeds the NMFS ESA guidance for 2026 (41 percent). Additional shaping of PSC and in-river fisheries prior to the April Council meeting may result in changes to the anticipated exploitation rates presented in the Alternatives. LCR tules are a constraining Chinook stock for fisheries north of Cape Falcon in 2026.

- *LRW fall Chinook*. The Alternatives have ocean escapement values ranging from 15,700 to 15,800, which exceed the 6,900 minimum ocean escapement needed to attain the ESA consultation standard of 5,700 spawners to the North Fork Lewis River. LRW Chinook will not constrain ocean fisheries north of Cape Falcon in 2026.

- *SRW fall Chinook*. The Alternatives have ocean exploitation rates ranging from 50.7 percent to 58.6 percent of the base period exploitation rate, which is less than the ESA consultation standard of no more than 70 percent of the 1988-1993 base period exploitation rate for all ocean fisheries. SRW Chinook will not constrain ocean fisheries north of Cape Falcon in 2026.

For Chinook fisheries north of Cape Falcon, Alternative III satisfies all consultation standards and NMFS guidance, FMP conservation objectives, and all other objectives for relevant Chinook stocks (Table 5). The NMFS 2026 ESA guidance for LCR natural tule fall Chinook is exceeded in Alternatives I and II.

7.1.1.2 South of Cape Falcon

Status of Chinook stocks important to 2026 Chinook harvest management south of Cape Falcon are:

- *SRFC*. The Sacramento Index forecast is 392,349, which is higher than the 2025 forecast of 165,655.
- *KRFC*. The ocean abundance forecast for this stock is 176,233, including 18,323 age-4 fish, which is higher than the 2025 forecasts of 82,672, including 14,333 age-4 fish.
- *SRWC*. The forecast of age-3 escapement absent fishing is 9,883, which is higher than the 2025 forecast of 4,507.

Key Chinook salmon management objectives shaping the Alternatives south of Cape Falcon are:

- A KRFC maximum exploitation rate of 25.0 percent (FMP control rule).
- A KRFC age-4 ocean harvest rate of 8.6 percent (regulatory framework for California Coastal Chinook and NMFS guidance).
- A SRFC hatchery and natural area spawner escapement of at least 188,328 adults (FMP control rule).
- Consultation standards and NMFS annual guidance for ESA listed stocks as provided in Section 5.0 above. Relevant ESA listed stocks for the area south of Cape Falcon include SRWC, California coastal Chinook, SRW fall Chinook, and LCR natural tule Chinook.

For 2026, the Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC) harvest control rule specifies a *de minimis* maximum allowable exploitation rate of 25.0 percent. The Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) requires consideration of several factors when recommending *de minimis* exploitation rates. From the Salmon FMP Section 3.3.6.1:

"When recommending an allowable *de minimis* exploitation rate in a given year, the Council shall also consider the following circumstances:

- The potential for critically low natural spawner abundance, including considerations for substocks that may fall below crucial genetic thresholds;
- Spawner abundance levels in recent years;

- The status of co-mingled stocks;
- Indicators of marine and freshwater environmental conditions;
- Minimal needs for tribal fisheries;
- Whether the stock is currently in an approaching an overfished condition;
- Whether the stock is currently overfished;
- Other considerations as appropriate."

The Salmon Technical Team has assessed these circumstances, with the exception of minimal needs for tribal fisheries.

Potential for low spawner abundance
The potential for critically low natural spawner abundance could be considered high. The 2026 minimum natural-area adult spawner escapement of 30,143 natural-area adults is lower than the minimum stock size threshold (MSST; 30,525) and S_{MSY} (40,700 natural-area adult spawners). A natural-area adult escapement of 30,143 adults would represent the 18th lowest value over the past 48 years of data.

Substocks
To assess the potential for critically low abundance of substocks, a statistical model (PFMC 2007, Appendix D) was applied to historical run size data to assess the probability that escapement to either the Salmon, Scott, or Shasta rivers would fall below 720 adults, given a total, basin-wide natural area escapement of 30,143 adults in 2026. The 720 adult escapement threshold for these substocks was based on effective population size (genetic) considerations. Application of the model suggested that at least one of the substocks would fall below the 720 adult threshold with a probability of 0.228.

Recent spawner abundance
The natural-area adult spawner escapement has been lower than the MSST in eight of the last ten years and three of the last five years. The 2026 forecast of natural-area adult spawners in the absence of fishing is 40,191 adults, which is higher than S_{MSY} and the MSST. If fishing seasons are structured such that the maximum allowable exploitation rate of 25 percent is met, the natural-area adult spawner expectation will be 30,143, which is lower than the S_{MSY} and MSST.

Comingled stocks
With regard to co-mingled stocks, SONCC coho have a low abundance forecast and are likely to constrain 2026 ocean fisheries in California and Oregon.

Indicators of marine and freshwater environmental conditions
The 2025-2026 California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) Ecosystem Status Report (CCIEA 2026) provides indicator-based outlooks for KRFC for the 2026 and 2027 return years. The indicator-based outlook is "consistent with low returns in 2026 and 2027". Appendix J.3 of the CCIEA report provides more detailed information on the habitat indicators relevant to the 2026 and 2027 return years.

Approaching an overfished condition
KRFC do not meet the criteria for at risk of approaching an overfished condition in 2026 (PFMC 2026b).

Overfished status
KRFC was declared overfished following the 2017 escapement. KRFC meet the criteria for "not overfished-rebuilding" in 2026 (PFMC 2026b).

Descriptions pertaining to the achievement of key objectives for Chinook salmon management south of Cape Falcon are found below.

- *SRFC*. The minimum of 188,328 hatchery and natural area adult spawners is met by each of the Alternatives.
- *KRFC*. The minimum natural area adult spawners of 30,143 natural area adult spawners is met by each of the Alternatives.
- *SRWC*. The ESA consultation standard that (1) limits the forecast age-3 impact rate in 2026 fisheries south of Point Arena to a maximum of 20 percent and (2) specifies time/area closures and minimum size limit constraints south of Point Arena is met by each of the Alternatives.
- *California coastal Chinook*. Limiting the forecast KRFC age-4 ocean harvest rate to a maximum of 8.6 percent is met by each of the Alternatives.

Each of the Alternatives for Chinook fisheries south of Cape Falcon satisfies NMFS ESA consultation standards, applicable regulations, and guidance. The projected exploitation rate for KRFC is equal to the maximum level specified by the control rule for 2026 (Table 5) under all Alternatives. However, KRFC does not meet its conservation objective of 40,700 natural area adult spawners under any of the Alternatives.

7.1.2 Coho Salmon

Fishery quotas under the Alternatives are presented in Table 4. Stock-specific management criteria and their forecast values under the Alternatives are provided in Table 5. Projected fishery landings, bycatch, and bycatch mortality under the Alternatives are summarized in Table 6. Table 7 provides a breakdown of impacts by fishery and area for Lower Columbia Natural (LCN), Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN), and SONCC coho populations. Table 8 provides expected coho mark rates for west coast fisheries by month.

Abundance projections important to coho harvest management in Council area fisheries in 2026 are:

- *OPIH coho.* The forecast is 519,300 compared to the 2025 forecast of 493,600. The Columbia River early coho forecast is 322,700 compared to the 2025 forecast of 338,100, and the Columbia River late coho forecast is 188,500 compared to the 2025 forecast of 141,600.
- *OCN coho.* The OCN forecast is 218,600 compared to the 2025 forecast of 289,000.
- *LCN coho.* The LCN forecast is 101,800 compared to the 2025 forecast of 72,000.
- *Puget Sound coho.* Among Puget Sound natural stocks, Skagit and Stillaguamish coho are in the normal category, Snohomish and Hood Canal coho are in the low category, and Strait of Juan de Fuca coho are in the critical category.
- *Interior Fraser (Thompson River) coho.* This Canadian stock continues to be depressed and will likely continue to constrain ocean coho fisheries north of Cape Falcon.
- *Washington coastal coho.* As an aggregate, both the hatchery and natural stock components of Washington coastal coho are increased compared to 2025. All four Washington coastal natural stocks (Quillayute fall, Hoh, Queets, and Grays Harbor) are classified in the abundant category for 2026 under the PST Southern Coho Management Plan.

Key coho salmon management objectives shaping the Alternatives are:

- Consultation standards and NMFS annual guidance for ESA listed stocks as provided in Section 5.0 above. Relevant stocks include Central California Coast coho (south of the Oregon/California border), SONCC coho, OCN coho, and LCN coho. The maximum allowable exploitation rates for 2026 are: (1) a combined marine/freshwater exploitation rate not to exceed 30.0 percent for OCN coho, (2) a combined exploitation rate in marine-area and mainstem Columbia River fisheries not

to exceed 23.0 percent for LCN coho, and (3) a total exploitation rate not to exceed 16.0 percent for the Trinity River component of SONCC coho and a total exploitation rate not to exceed 15.0 percent for all other components of the SONCC coho ESU. Furthermore, coho retention is prohibited in all California ocean fisheries.

- Salmon FMP conservation objectives and obligations under the PST Southern Coho Management Plan for stocks originating along the Washington coast, Puget Sound, and British Columbia as provided in Section 6.2 above. The forecasts for Washington coastal coho stocks are high enough to be categorized as abundant in 2026; these stocks contribute to fisheries off Washington. Forecasts for some Puget Sound and Interior Fraser coho stocks in 2025 are low; however, the majority of the exploitation on these stocks occurs in Puget Sound and will be addressed in development of fishing seasons for inside waters during the North of Falcon co-management process by the state and tribes of Washington prior to the April Council meeting. Because of their abundance status, Interior Fraser coho are subject to an exploitation rate ceiling of 10.0 percent in southern U.S. fisheries under the PST Southern Coho Management Plan.

Descriptions pertaining to the achievement of key objectives for coho salmon management are found below and provided in Table 5.

- *SONCC coho*. All Alternatives satisfy the maximum 16.0 percent total exploitation rate ceiling for the Trinity Natural component and the maximum 15.0 percent total exploitation rate ceiling for the Klamath, Rogue, and Other Natural SONCC components.
- *OCN coho.* All Alternatives satisfy the maximum 30.0 percent exploitation rate when 2026 projected marine impacts are combined with preliminary 2026 freshwater impacts. Total exploitation rates projected for 2026 Alternatives range from 27.4 percent to 29.8 percent.
- *LCN coho.* Alternatives II and III satisfy the maximum 23.0 percent exploitation rate when 2026 projected marine impacts are combined with projected impacts, based on historic sharing agreements, for mainstem Columbia River fisheries. In-river fisheries have yet to be shaped for 2026. Marine exploitation rates projected for the 2026 Alternatives range from 11.9 percent to 16.5 percent.
- *Interior Fraser coho*. All Alternatives satisfy the 10.0 percent Southern U.S. exploitation rate limit required by the PST Southern Coho Management Plan when 2026 projected marine impacts are combined with the 2025 preseason modeled impacts for Puget Sound fisheries. Shaping of the State and Tribal inside fisheries will occur during the North of Falcon process, and ocean fisheries may require further shaping before final management measures are adopted in order to comply with the PST limit.
- *Washington Coast coho.* For all stocks, total exploitation rates in all Alternatives fall below the FMP and PST constraints when 2026 projected marine impacts are combined with 2025 preseason modeled impacts for Washington coastal freshwater fisheries. Shaping of the State and Tribal inside fisheries will occur during the North of Falcon process, and ocean fisheries may require further shaping before final management measures are adopted in order to comply with FMP and PST limits.
- *Puget Sound coho*. All Alternatives fall below the total exploitation rates allowed for all Puget Sound natural stocks in all Alternatives, under the FMP matrix when 2026 projected marine impacts are combined with the 2025 preseason modeled impacts for Puget Sound fisheries. Shaping of the State and Tribal inside fisheries will occur during the North of Falcon process, and ocean fisheries may require further shaping before final management measures are adopted in order to comply with the FMP limits.

7.1.3 Pink Salmon

Pink salmon do not merit management consideration in 2026, as it is an even-numbered year. In odd-numbered years, impacts on Chinook and coho in pink-directed fisheries may be part of negotiations to reach a final agreement in North of Cape Falcon ocean and Puget Sound fisheries.

7.1.4 Summary of Impacts on Target Stocks

Stock forecasts for some Canadian Chinook and coho stocks, Oregon Coast Chinook stocks, and the annual catch limits for the SEAK, NBC, and WCVI AABM Chinook fisheries are not known at this time, and preliminary values have been used in the analyses presented in this report. These forecasts and catch limits are expected to be available prior to the April Council meeting. Negotiations in the North of Falcon process will not be completed until the April Council meeting. These negotiations affect allocation of stock impacts primarily among inside fisheries (State, Tribal, recreational, various commercial sectors, etc.) but also between inside and ocean fisheries.

Environmental impacts on salmon stocks are assessed based on compliance with conservation objectives, ACLs, rebuilding plans, and ESA consultation standards. As noted in the description of the Alternatives (Tables 1, 2, and 3), if analyses using the updated values and the results of these negotiations do not result in compliance with FMP conservation objectives or ESA consultation standards, some Alternatives will not be viable and impacts in Council area fisheries will need to be modified to comply with all applicable objectives and standards. If updated values and negotiations result in compliance with applicable objectives and standards, Council area fishery impacts would not increase; therefore, the analysis of effects would include the upper bound of a reasonable range of effects under the Alternatives considered for 2026 Council area ocean salmon fisheries.

7.1.4.1 Targeted Salmon Stocks

Based on current assumptions regarding Alaskan, Canadian, and inside fishery impacts, all target salmon stocks (non-ESA listed) meet their FMP conservation objectives under Alternatives I, II, and III (Table 5).

7.1.4.2 ESA Listed Salmon Species

Based on current assumptions regarding Alaskan, Canadian, and inside fishery impacts, impacts on all ESA listed salmon species meet their ESA consultation standards and guidance, with the exception of LCR natural tule fall Chinook in Alternatives I and II and LCN coho in Alternative I (Table 5).

Council area fisheries have a minor impact on ESA listed Puget Sound Chinook and on most Chinook stocks subject to the 2019 PST Agreement. At this point there appears to be sufficient flexibility within Council and inside area fisheries as a whole to achieve protection for the Puget Sound Chinook ESU.

7.2 Socioeconomics

In general, Council-area ocean salmon fisheries are managed to meet conservation objectives for stocks that are expected to achieve optimum yields while limiting impacts on depressed stocks. While analysis of biological impacts is organized around salmon stocks that spawn in particular rivers, socioeconomic impacts under the regulatory Alternatives are analyzed by ocean fishery management areas as described in the Salmon FMP. Although most stocks range across several areas, the abundance of individual stocks varies by time and area, thus the use of management areas facilitates more optimal management of each stock than would be possible with coastwide regulations. From north to south, the fishery management areas are: (1) from the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon (45°46' N. lat.), which is located on the Oregon coast south of the Columbia River mouth; (2) between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain (42°40' N. lat.) on Oregon's southern coast; (3) the Oregon KMZ, which covers ocean waters from Humbug Mountain to the Oregon/California border (42° N. lat.); (4) the California KMZ includes the area from the

Oregon/California border to Latitude 40°10' N. in northern California, (5) from Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (38°57' N. lat.) in Mendocino County; (6) from Point Arena to Pigeon Point (37°11' N. lat.) north of Santa Cruz; and (7) from Pigeon Point to the U.S./Mexico border. There are also numerous subdivisions within these areas that are used to further balance stock conservation and harvest allocation needs. The following analysis of impacts on users of the resource and fishing communities is organized around these seven broad management areas. Figure 3 provides a map of the boundaries of these areas, also showing the main salmon ports.

Tribal ocean fisheries occur only in the area north of Cape Falcon, including Washington State statistical area 4B. The Lower Elwha Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Makah, Quileute, Hoh, and Quinault Tribes all have fishery areas in the northern part of the area north of Cape Falcon (Table 3). Other federally-recognized tribes also participate in in-river fisheries.

The *Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (PFMC 2026a) provides historical description of the salmon fishery affected environment. In addition to stock status assessments, the document reports socioeconomic impacts of historical fisheries and analyzes the current socioeconomic status of West Coast salmon fisheries. For the purpose of characterizing the socioeconomic impact of non-tribal Council-area ocean salmon fisheries, commercial exvessel value, recreational fishing trips, and community level personal income impacts resulting from both commercial and recreational fishing activities are used.

The short-term economic effects of the regulatory Alternatives for non-Indian fisheries are shown in Tables 10 and 11. Table 10 shows projected commercial troll impacts expressed in terms of estimated potential exvessel value by catch area. Table 11 shows projected recreational fisheries impacts in terms of the number of projected angler-trips and community personal income impacts associated with those activities by port area. Note that exvessel values shown under the Alternatives for the commercial troll fishery in Table 10 and income impact values shown for the recreational fishery in Table 11 are not directly comparable. More directly comparable measures of short-term economic impacts from commercial and recreational salmon fisheries appear in Figures 1 and 2, which show estimated community income impacts under the respective sets of commercial troll and recreational fishery Alternatives, compared to historical impacts in real (inflation-adjusted) dollars. Both commercial and recreational income impact estimates provided in these figures are based on landing ports. In general, income impacts are estimates of the amount of personal income associated with the economic linkages related to a particular activity (see Chapter IV of the *Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* for additional description of income impact estimates). Income impacts are a measure of relative economic activity. Differences in income impacts between an Alternative and the value for the 2025 fishery indicate the expected short-term impact of the Alternative compared with taking no action, (i.e., if 2025 regulations were to remain in place). Differences in income impacts between an Alternative and recent inflation-adjusted average values provide context for the current estimates within recent historical trends. While reductions in income impacts associated with an activity may not necessarily reflect net losses in a particular community (depending on the degree to which there is compensating activity), the reductions are likely to involve losses to businesses and individuals in the community that depend on the affected activity for their livelihood.

Total economic effects for non-Indian fisheries under the Alternatives may vary more or less than is indicated by the short-term impacts on ocean fisheries reported below. Salmon that are not harvested in the ocean do not necessarily result in an economic loss, as they may become available for additional inside harvest in non-Indian commercial, tribal, and recreational fisheries or may provide additional spawning escapement. Thus, Alternatives that restrict ocean harvests may increase opportunities for inside harvesters (e.g., higher commercial revenue or more angler trips) or contribute to higher inside CPUE (i.e., lower costs for commercial harvesters and/or higher success rates for recreational fishers). Additionally, harvest forgone by both ocean fisheries and inside fisheries may impact future production, although the magnitude of such effects are uncertain depending on the resulting escapement level compared to MSY escapement

and the nature of the spawner-recruit relationship, both of which are influenced by habitat conditions in the ocean and in the spawning grounds.

Exvessel revenues in Table 10 are based on estimated commercial harvest by catch area while commercial income impacts in Figure 1 are based on projected deliveries by landing area. Historically, there has been a divergence between these two measures. The difference is due to salmon caught in certain catch areas being delivered to ports in neighboring catch areas. In an attempt to account for this effect and assign income impacts to the "correct" landing area, adjustments to catch projections are made based on historical landing patterns. These patterns are typically inferred from the most recent year's catch and landings data, in this case 2025. However, since many areas had no commercial landings in 2025, 2024, or 2023, landings patterns were inferred from 2022 data. Landings data have typically shown there were deliveries of salmon: (1) caught north of Cape Falcon to landing ports between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain; (2) caught between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain to landing ports in the Oregon KMZ region; (3) caught between 40°10' N. Lat. and Point Arena (Fort Bragg Region) to landing ports in the California KMZ region (Crescent City and Eureka); (4) small amounts caught between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (San Francisco Region) to landing ports south of Pigeon Point (Monterey region); and (5) caught south of Pigeon Point to landing ports in the San Francisco region, as well as small amounts delivered to ports in in the California KMZ region.

The expected harvest levels used to model commercial fishery impacts are taken from Table 6. If applicable, these estimated harvests exclude relatively small amounts taken in the state-waters-only (SWO) fishery off southern Oregon. Total harvest estimates combined with a recent prior year's average weights per fish and exvessel prices per pound were assumed to be the best indicators of expected revenues per fish in the coming season, in this case 2025. For areas that had little or no commercial landings in 2025, 2024, or 2023, harvest parameters were inferred from 2022 data. It should be noted that if the current year's actual average weight per fish or exvessel prices diverge significantly from that observed in prior years, then salmon exvessel revenues and resulting commercial fisheries income impacts projected in this document may prove to be correspondingly biased.

Fishing effort estimates for the recreational fishery south of Cape Falcon are based on measures developed by the STT for modeling biological impacts. STT estimates for south of Cape Falcon use multi-year averages to predict current year effort. Consequently, if the multi-year average for a particular time period and area happens to be higher than last year's effort level, then the model may forecast an increase in effort for the coming year even if management measures did not change from the previous year. Estimated recreational effort does not include relatively small amounts that often occur in the SWO fishery off southern Oregon. Recreational fishery effort north of Cape Falcon was estimated using historical CPUE estimates ("success rates") applied to salmon quotas and expected harvest levels under the Alternatives. Projections of recreational catch north of Cape Falcon were made by multiplying the proposed quotas for coho and Chinook salmon under each Alternative by the historical ratios of actual catch to the actual quotas. Effort and economic impacts were then estimated by summing recent year weighted average coho and Chinook angler success rates multiplied by the projected coho and Chinook catch under each Alternative. Unless otherwise noted, the economic effects of the commercial and recreational fisheries Alternatives summarized below are compared in terms of estimated community income impacts

7.2.1 Alternative I

Under Alternative I, total coastwide community personal income impacts from commercial salmon fisheries are projected to be 66 percent greater than last year's (2025) level and two percent above the recent (2020-2024) inflation-adjusted average. Coastwide income impacts from recreational fishing are projected to be 36 percent above last year's level and 24 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Commercial fishery income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to be eight percent above last year and 155 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

South of Cape Falcon, total commercial fishery income impacts are projected to exceed last year's historically low or zero levels by 148 percent but fall below the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average by 25 percent. Areas between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain account for 59 percent of projected salmon landings and associated income impacts south of Cape Falcon. The near complete closure of commercial Chinook harvest south of Humbug Mountain since 2022 would be relieved, with all areas with the exception of Humbug Mountain to the Oregon/California Border (OR KMZ) projected to see positive income impacts from commercial salmon fishing relative to 2025. Areas south of the Oregon/California Border would see increases in commercial fishery income impacts compared with 2025, but decreases compared with the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Based on historical landings patterns, small amounts of commercial landings and associated income impacts are projected to occur in the California KMZ but not in the Oregon KMZ area.

Income impacts from recreational fisheries north of Cape Falcon are projected to be two percent above last year and 20 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Total recreational fishery income impacts south of Cape Falcon are projected to be 76 percent above last year and 27 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Recreational fishery income impacts between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain are projected to be two percent above last year and nine percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. As a result of the limited opportunities for recreational fishing south of Humbug Mountain in recent years, all areas south of Humbug Mountain are projected to see increases in recreational fishery income impacts compared with last year's historically low levels and the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Overall coastwide income impacts for combined non-Indian commercial and recreational ocean salmon fisheries under Alternative I are projected to be 44 percent above last year's level and 16 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Combined income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to be four percent above last year's level and 42 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. In aggregate, combined income impacts south of Cape Falcon are projected to be 94 percent above last year's level and three percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Due to the complete closure of commercial fisheries and limited opportunity for recreational fisheries south of Humbug Mountain in recent years, combined income impacts are projected to be above last year's levels in all areas south of Humbug Mountain, and also above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average in most areas with the exception of areas between 40°10' N. Lat. and Point Arena and between Point Arena and Pigeon Point.

Tribal ocean fisheries north of Cape Falcon would be allocated 55,000 Chinook and 50,000 coho for ocean area harvest under Alternative I. This compares with the actual 2025 allocation of 45,000 Chinook and 37,500 coho.

7.2.2 Alternative II

Under Alternative II, total coastwide community personal income impacts from commercial salmon fisheries are projected to be 74 percent greater than last year's (2025) level and seven percent above the recent (2020-2024) inflation-adjusted average. Coastwide income impacts from recreational fishing are projected to be 30 percent above last year's level and 19 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Commercial fishery income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to be slightly below last year and 136 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

South of Cape Falcon, total commercial fishery income impacts are projected to exceed last year's historically low or zero levels by 178 percent but fall below the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average by 16 percent. Areas between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain account for approximately half of the projected salmon landings and associated income impacts south of Cape Falcon under this Alternative, with projected increases of 41 percent compared with 2025, and 260 percent relative to the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. The near complete closure of commercial Chinook harvest south of Humbug Mountain in 2025 would be relieved by allowing commercial harvest in most areas, with the exception of Humbug Mountain to the Oregon/California border, and between 40°10' N. Lat. and Point Arena. Relative to the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average, decreases in commercial fishery income impacts are projected for all areas south of Humbug Mountain. Based on historical landings patterns, very small amounts of commercial landings and associated income impacts are projected to occur in the California KMZ but not in the Oregon KMZ area.

Income impacts from recreational fisheries north of Cape Falcon are projected to be five percent below last year but 11 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Total recreational fishery income impacts south of Cape Falcon are projected to be 72 percent above last year and 24 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Recreational fishery income impacts between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain are projected to be two percent below last year but five percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Due to the limited opportunities for recreational fishing south of Humbug Mountain in recent years, all areas south of Humbug Mountain are projected to see increases in recreational fishery income impacts compared with last year's historically low levels and the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Overall coastwide income impacts for combined non-Indian commercial and recreational ocean salmon fisheries under Alternative II are projected to be 42 percent above last year's level and 15 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Combined income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to be four percent below last year but 32 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. In aggregate, combined income impacts south of Cape Falcon are projected to be 100 percent above last year's level and six percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Due to the complete closure of commercial fisheries and limited opportunity for recreational fisheries south of Humbug Mountain in recent years, combined income impacts are projected to be above last year's levels in all areas south of Humbug Mountain, and also above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average in most areas with the exception of areas between 40°10' N. Lat. and Point Arena, and between Point Arena and Pigeon Point.

Tribal ocean fisheries north of Cape Falcon would be allocated 45,000 Chinook and 40,000 coho for ocean area harvest under Alternative II. This compares with the actual 2025 allocation of 45,000 Chinook and 37,500 coho.

7.2.3 Alternative III

Under Alternative III, total coastwide community personal income impacts from commercial salmon fisheries are projected to be 15 percent above last year's (2025) level but 29 percent below the recent (2020-2024) inflation-adjusted average. Coastwide income impacts from recreational fishing are projected to be 16 percent above last year's level and six percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Commercial fishery income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to be 16 percent below last year but 99 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

South of Cape Falcon, total commercial fishery income impacts are projected to be 57 percent above last year's historically levels but 52 percent below the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. The area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain accounts for 88 percent of projected salmon landings and associated income impacts south of Cape Falcon under the Alternative, with projected increases in this area of 40 percent compared with 2025 and 259 percent relative to the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. The near complete closure of commercial Chinook harvest south of Humbug Mountain in 2025 would continue in most areas, with near zero projected income impacts from commercial salmon landings in all areas south of 40°10' N. Lat. This is the only Alternative with non-zero projected commercial fishery income impacts in both the Oregon KMZ and California KMZ areas.

Income impacts from recreational fisheries north of Cape Falcon are projected to be 27 percent below last year and 15 percent below the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Total recreational fishery income impacts south of Cape Falcon are projected to be 67 percent above last year and 21 percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Recreational fishery income impacts between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain are projected to be six percent below last year but one percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Due to the limited opportunities for recreational fishing south of Humbug Mountain in recent years, all areas south of Humbug Mountain are projected to see increases in recreational fishery income impacts compared with last year's historically low levels, and, with the exception of Humbug Mountain to the Oregon/California border, all areas would also see increases with respect to the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average.

Overall coastwide income impacts for combined non-Indian commercial and recreational ocean salmon fisheries under Alternative III are projected to be 16 percent above last year's level but seven percent below the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Combined income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to be 24 percent below last year's level but five percent above the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. In aggregate, combined commercial and recreational income impacts south of Cape Falcon are projected to be 64 percent above last year's level but 13 percent below the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average. Combined income impacts are projected to be above last year's levels in all areas south of Cape Falcon, however relative to the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average, decreases in combined commercial and recreational income impacts are projected overall and for areas between Humbug Mountain and the Oregon/California border, between 40°10' N. Lat. and Point Arena, and between Point Arena and Pigeon Point.

Tribal ocean fisheries north of Cape Falcon would be allocated 35,000 Chinook and 30,000 coho for ocean area harvest under Alternative III. This compares with the actual 2025 allocation of 45,000 Chinook and 37,500 coho.

7.2.4 Summary of Impacts on the Socioeconomic Environment

Coastwide combined commercial and recreational salmon fishery income impacts are projected to range from 44 percent above (Alternative I) to 16 percent above (Alternative III) last year's (2025) levels. Projected income impacts represent increases relative to the recent (2020-2024) inflation-adjusted averages of 16 percent under Alternative I and 15 percent under Alternative II, but a seven percent reduction under Alternative III.

Coastwide income impacts from commercial salmon fisheries are projected to exceed last year's level under all three Alternatives. Coastwide income impacts from commercial salmon fisheries are projected to exceed the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average under Alternatives I and II, but to fall below the average under Alternative III. North of Cape Falcon, commercial salmon fisheries income impacts are projected to be above last year under Alternative I but fall below last year's level under Alternatives II and III. Commercial

salmon fisheries income impacts north of Cape Falcon are projected to exceed the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average under all three Alternatives.

Commercial salmon fisheries income impacts in areas between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain are projected to exceed last year and the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average under all three Alternatives.

Areas south of Humbug Mountain would see increases in projected commercial fisheries income impacts compared with last year with the following exceptions: Humbug Mountain to the Oregon/California border under Alternative I, Humbug Mountain to the Oregon/California border and between 40°10' N. Lat. and Point Arena under Alternative II, and all areas south of 40°10' N. Lat. under Alternative III. With respect to the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average, reductions in commercial fisheries income impacts are projected for all areas south of Humbug Mountain under all three Alternatives, with the exception of Oregon/California border to 40°10' N. Lat. under Alternative III.

Coastwide income impacts from recreational salmon fisheries are projected to be above last year and the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average under all three Alternatives. Income impacts from recreational salmon fisheries north of Cape Falcon are projected to be above last year under Alternative I but below last year under Alternatives II and III. Compared with the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average, areas north of Cape Falcon are projected to see increases in recreational salmon fisheries income impacts under Alternatives I and II but fall below the recent average under Alternative III. The combined area south of Cape Falcon would see increases in recreational fisheries income impacts compared with last year and the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average under all three Alternatives. All areas south of Humbug Mountain would see increases or negligible decrease in projected recreational salmon fisheries income impacts compared with last year and the 2020-2024 inflation-adjusted average under all three Alternatives.

Among the Alternatives, projections for Alternative I show the most positive or least negative coastwide combined commercial and recreational fisheries income impacts overall and for all areas with the exception of areas between the Oregon/California border and 40°10' N. Lat., where Alternative III is most favorable, and areas between Point Arena and Pigeon Point, where Alternative II is most favorable. Ocean commercial salmon fisheries south of 40°10' N. Lat. would essentially be closed under Alternative III as they have been since 2022.

Under the three action Alternatives, ocean tribal fisheries occurring north of Cape Falcon would be allocated a maximum of 55,000 Chinook and 50,000 coho under Alternative I, 45,000 Chinook and 40,000 coho under Alternative II, and 35,000 Chinook and 30,000 coho under Alternative III. These compare with the no-action Alternative, which is the actual 2025 allocation of 45,000 Chinook and 37,500 coho.

7.3 Non-target, Non-ESA Listed, Fish Species

Prior NEPA analyses have considered the effects of the ocean salmon fisheries on non-target, non-ESA listed fish species (see, for example, NMFS 2025, NMFS 2024). Since then, ocean salmon fisheries have not changed substantially in terms of season length, areas, depth, bag limits, etc. Nor is there any new information to suggest that the incidental nature of encounters of non-target species in ocean salmon fisheries has changed. Therefore, conclusions from previous EAs indicating that effects on non-target fish species are low and not significant are still applicable, as discussed below. The differences between the Alternatives for the 2026 salmon fishery are not discernible with respect to their effect on non-target fish species.

Impacts to groundfish stocks from salmon troll fisheries continue to be managed as part of the open access groundfish fishery sector and are at similar levels compared to recent years. Previous EAs concluded that the amount of groundfish taken incidentally in the salmon fishery is very low and is not substantially altered

by changes in the salmon fishery (again, see NMFS 2025, NMFS 2024 for example). The 2026 ocean salmon regulation Alternatives are not expected to differ substantially from fisheries analyzed previously with respect to groundfish impacts; therefore, effects from the Alternatives to groundfish stocks are not significant.

Impacts to Pacific halibut from salmon troll fisheries continue to be managed under limits established through the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) process and under the Area 2A (Council area) catch sharing plan (NMFS 2022). Previous EAs stated that data on the commercial segment of salmon fisheries show the co-occurrence rates for salmon and halibut, coastal pelagic species, highly migratory species, and non-Council managed fish species are low. The 2026 ocean salmon regulation Alternatives include Pacific halibut landing restrictions within ranges considered in the past and are not expected to differ substantially from earlier analyses with respect to Pacific halibut impacts; therefore, effects from the Alternatives to Pacific halibut are not significant. Likewise, there are no changes to the salmon fishery for 2026 that would change impacts to other non-salmon fish species compared to previous analyses, therefore, effects from the Alternatives to these species are not expected to be significant.

7.4 Non-ESA Listed Marine Mammals

The commercial salmon troll fisheries off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California are classified as Category III fisheries, indicating a remote or no likelihood of causing incidental mortality or serious injury to marine mammals (89 FR 12257, February 16, 2024). Recreational salmon fisheries use similar gear and techniques as the commercial fisheries and are assumed to have similar encounter rates and impacts. The non-ESA listed marine mammal species that are known to interact with ocean salmon fisheries are California sea lion and harbor seals. Populations of both these species are at stable and historically high levels. There is no new information to suggest that the nature of interactions between California sea lions or harbor seals in ocean salmon fisheries has changed since the Category III determination. Therefore, the impacts from the 2026 salmon regulation Alternatives to non-ESA listed marine mammals are not expected to be significant, and there is no discernible difference between the effects of the Alternatives on these resources.

7.5 ESA Listed Species

ESA listed salmonid species present in Council area waters are described in Chapter 5 of this document. ESA listed sockeye and chum salmon and steelhead trout are rarely encountered in ocean salmon fisheries, and the Alternatives for Council area ocean salmon fisheries are consistent with applicable BiOps for listed ESUs of these species as listed in Chapter 4 of this document. Because anticipated impacts are negligible, there are no significant impacts expected on listed sockeye or chum salmon or steelhead trout from the Alternatives analyzed in this EA, and there is no discernible difference between the effects of the Alternatives on these resources.

There is no record of injury or mortality of Guadalupe fur seals in Pacific Coast salmon fisheries. No sea turtles have been reported taken by the ocean salmon fisheries off Washington, Oregon, or California, and NMFS has determined that commercial fishing by Pacific Coast salmon fisheries would pose a negligible threat to Pacific turtle species. There is no discernible difference between the effects of the Alternatives on these resources.

Of the ESA listed marine mammals that occur in Council area waters, only Southern Resident killer whales (SRKW), a distinct population segment (DPS) of *Orcinus orca*, are likely to be affected by salmon fisheries. The "resident" killer whale ecotype is dependent on fish as a prey item; the primary prey for the SRKW DPS is Chinook salmon. The SRKW DPS occurs regularly throughout the coastal waters of the states of Washington, Oregon, and Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada; individuals are known to travel as far south as central California and as far north as Southeast Alaska (SRKW Workgroup 2020).

Salmon fisheries conducted under the FMP may directly affect SRKW through interactions with vessels and gear and indirectly affect them by reducing prey availability. The risk assessment report, prepared by the Council's Ad-Hoc Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup (SRKW Workgroup 2020) presented at the Council's March 2020 meeting, provides information on SRKW and their predator-prey interaction with Pacific salmon.

At its November 2020 meeting, based on the information compiled and analysis developed by the SRKW Workgroup, the Council adopted a final preferred Alternative for a subsequent amendment to the FMP to include management provisions responsive to the needs of SRKW. These management provisions were incorporated into Amendment 21 of the FMP and set a Chinook salmon annual abundance management threshold below which the Council and NMFS would implement specific steps to limit ocean salmon fishery impacts on Chinook salmon in order to increase salmon prey availability for SRKW. This threshold is compared to the projected pre-fishing Chinook abundance in the north of Cape Falcon area calculated annually using forecasts compiled by the STT. The specific steps the Council would implement should the threshold be triggered include time and area closures and temporal shifts in fishing. In April 2020, NMFS completed a BiOp on the effects of implementing Amendment 21 of the FMP and concluded that the effects were not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the SRKW DPS or destroy or adversely modify its designated or proposed critical habitat (NMFS 2021a). Amendment 21 also provides for technical review and consideration of new data by the Council, the STT, and the SSC that may result in an updated threshold (NMFS 2021b).

At their March 2022 meeting, the Council was informed of recent updates to models that may warrant an update to the numerical value of the Chinook abundance threshold. Based on these developments, the Council followed the process outlined in Amendment 21 to the FMP and adopted a change to numerical value of the Chinook abundance threshold at their November 2022 Council meeting. The change was informed by a technical review of recent updates to models, and the STT provided a report to aid the Council in determining the appropriate numerical value of the threshold. The threshold continues to be based on the arithmetic mean of the seven years identified in section 6.6.8 of the Salmon FMP representing pre-fishing Chinook salmon abundance in the area North of Cape Falcon (1994-1996, 1998-2000, and 2007). The current Chinook abundance threshold is 623,000 Chinook.

The annual management measures for Council salmon fisheries are developed to be consistent with the Salmon FMP. In 2026, the projected pre-fishing Chinook abundance in the north of Cape Falcon area is approximately 921,000, which is greater than the threshold value (Table 5).

7.6 Seabirds

The types of vessels used in ocean salmon fisheries and the conduct of the vessels are not conducive to collisions or the introduction of rats or other non-indigenous species to seabird breeding colonies. Other types of accidental bird encounters are a rare event for commercial and recreational ocean salmon fisheries. Therefore, there are no significant impacts expected on seabirds from the Alternatives analyzed in this EA, and there is no discernible difference between the effects of the Alternatives on seabirds.

7.7 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Function

The removal of adult salmon by the ocean fisheries is not considered to significantly affect the lower trophic levels or the overall marine ecosystem because salmon are not the only or primary predator in the marine environment. Therefore, no significant impacts are expected on biodiversity or ecosystem function from the Alternatives analyzed in this EA, and there is no discernible difference between the effects of the Alternatives on these resources.

8.8 Ocean and Coastal Habitats

Council Area salmon fisheries do not employ bottom contact gear, and there is no evidence of direct gear effects on fish habitat from Council-managed salmon fisheries on essential fish habitat (EFH) for salmon or other managed species. Critical habitat for ESA listed salmon does not include Council area ocean water. Because Council area salmon fisheries are conducted at sea and without bottom contact gear, there is no interaction with unique geographic characteristics or other cultural, scientific, or historical resources such as those that might be listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Therefore, no significant impacts are expected on ocean and coastal habitats from the Alternatives analyzed in this EA, and there is no discernible difference between the effects of the Alternatives on these resources.

7.9 Public Health and Safety

Fisheries management can affect safety if, for example, season openings make it more likely that fishermen will have to go out in bad weather because fishing opportunities are limited. The Salmon FMP, however, has provisions to adjust management measures if unsafe weather affected fishery access. For fisheries north of the Oregon/California border, the Alternatives for 2026 ocean salmon regulations have season structures similar to those employed in previous salmon seasons and are not expected to result in any significant increase in the risk to human health or safety at sea. There are also no discernible differences between the effects of the Alternatives on the risk to human health or safety at sea.

For the commercial fishery alternatives off California, landing and possession limits and/or defined open fishing periods would be implemented. These management measures can increase the distribution of fishing effort both temporally and geographically, reducing the likelihood that fishing activity would become highly concentrated in a short period of time or within a limited area. These measures can help reduce congestion on the water and associated operational risks. In addition, Alternatives II and III include several closed subareas where fishing activity would not occur and therefore an increase in risks to human health or safety within those areas would not be expected.

For the California sport fishery alternatives, there is the potential that pent-up demand following periods of restricted access could result in relatively high levels of fishing effort when seasons open. However, participation levels observed in 2025, the first year the sport fishery was open after two years of closure, did not result in safety issues beyond those typically associated with recreational fishing activity. The inclusion of harvest limits, extended seasons, and management structures in which there are fishing opportunities in all subareas may further reduce potential safety risks. Spreading fishing opportunities over a longer season and across different areas can contribute to safer conditions at sea by limiting the concentration of effort and allowing participants greater flexibility in planning fishing trips during suitable weather and operating conditions.

7.10 Short-term and Long-term Impacts

The purpose of long term and short-term impacts analysis is to consider the combined effects of many actions on the human environment over time that would be missed if each action were evaluated separately.

7.10.1 Consideration of the Affected Resource

The affected resources that relate to the Pacific Coast salmon fishery are described in the Affected Environment sections of Preseason Report I and in Section 8.0 of this report. The significance of impacts will be discussed in relation to these affected resources listed below.

- Fishery and Fish Resources,
- Protected Resources,
- Biodiversity/Ecosystem Function and Habitats,
- Socioeconomics.

7.10.2 Geographic Boundaries

The analysis focuses on actions related to Council-managed ocean salmon commercial and recreational fisheries. Council-managed ocean fisheries occur in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), from three to 200 miles offshore, off the coasts of the states of Washington, Oregon, and California as well as the ports in these states that receive landings from the ocean salmon fisheries. Since salmon are anadromous and spend part of their lifecycle in fresh water, the geographic boundaries also includes internal waters (e.g., Puget Sound) and rivers that salmon use to migrate towards their spawning grounds.

7.10.3 Temporal Boundaries

The temporal scope of past and present actions considered in this analysis for the affected resources is primarily focused on actions that have occurred after framework FMP implementation (1984). The temporal scope of future actions considered for all affected resources extends about five years into the future. This period was chosen because the dynamic nature of resource management and lack of information on future projects make it very difficult to predict impacts beyond this timeframe with any certainty.

7.10.4 Past, Present, and Reasonably Foreseeable Future Actions

Fishery Actions

The Council sets management measures for ocean salmon fisheries annually based on stock forecasts and in accordance with conservation objectives set in the FMP and consultation standards for managing impacts to ESA listed stocks. The Council manages ocean salmon fisheries through an intensive preseason analysis process to shape salmon fisheries impacts on salmon stocks consistent with the requirements of the FMP.

Fisheries outside of the Council's jurisdiction also impact the Council area salmon fishery. The Council considers fisheries managed by the states and treaty Indian tribes in the North of Falcon management process and Columbia River fisheries managed under *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Plan, as well as obligations for fisheries off Alaska and Canada under the PST. Additionally, the Council and NMFS manage ocean salmon fisheries inseason to keep fisheries impacts within the constraints set preseason. The Council also conducts annual methodology reviews to improve models and other tools for assessing salmon stocks.

Non-Fishing Related Actions

Because salmon spend part of their lifecycle in fresh water, they are more vulnerable to a broad range of human activities (since humans spend most of their time on land) that affect the quantity and quality of these freshwater environments. These effects are generally well known and diverse. They include physical barriers to migration (dams), changes in water flow and temperature (often a secondary effect of dams or water diversion projects), and degradation of spawning environments (such as increased silt in the water from adjacent land use). Non-fishing activities in the marine environment can introduce chemical pollutants and sewage; and result in changes in water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, and suspended sediment which poses a risk to the affected resources. Human-induced non-fishing activities tend to be localized in nearshore areas and marine project areas. When these activities co-occur, they are likely to work additively or synergistically to decrease habitat quality and may indirectly constrain the sustainability of the managed resources, non-target species, and protected resources. Decreased habitat suitability tends to reduce the tolerance of affected species to the impacts of fishing effort. Mitigation through regulations that would reduce fishing effort could negatively impact human communities. The overall impact to the affected species and their habitats on a population level is unknown, but likely neutral to low negative, since a large portion of these species have a limited or minor exposure to the localized non-fishing perturbations.

For many of the proposed non-fishing activities to be permitted by other Federal agencies, those agencies would examine the potential impacts on the affected resources. The Magnuson-Stevens Act (50 CFR 600.930) imposes an obligation on other Federal agencies to consult with the Secretary of Commerce on

actions that may adversely affect EFH. The eight fishery management councils engage in the review process by making comments and recommendations on any Federal or state action that may affect habitat, including EFH, for their managed species and by commenting on actions likely to substantially affect habitat, including EFH. In addition, under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (Section 662), "whenever the waters of any stream or other body of water are proposed or authorized to be impounded, diverted, the channel deepened, or the stream or other body of water otherwise controlled or modified for any purpose whatever, including navigation and drainage, by any department or agency of the U.S., or by any public or private agency under Federal permit or license, such department or agency first shall consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Department of the Interior, and with the head of the agency exercising administration over the wildlife resources of the particular state wherein the" activity is taking place. This act provides another avenue for review of actions by other Federal and state agencies that may impact resources that NMFS manages in the reasonably foreseeable future. In addition, NMFS and the USFWS share responsibility for implementing the ESA. ESA requires NMFS to designate "critical habitat", to the maximum extent prudent and determinable, for any species it lists under the ESA (i.e., areas that contain physical or biological features essential to conservation, which may require special management considerations or protection) and to develop and implement recovery plans for threatened and endangered species. The ESA provides another avenue for NMFS to review actions by other entities that may impact endangered and protected resources whose management units are under NMFS jurisdiction.

The effects of climate on the biota of the California Current ecosystem have been recognized for some time. The El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is widely recognized to be the dominant mode of inter-annual variability in the equatorial Pacific, with impacts throughout the rest of the Pacific basin and the globe. During the negative (El Niño) phase of the ENSO cycle, jet stream winds are typically diverted northward, often resulting in increased exposure of the Pacific Coast of the U.S. to subtropical weather systems. The impacts of these events to the coastal ocean generally include reduced upwelling winds, deepening of the thermocline, intrusion of offshore (subtropical) waters, dramatic declines in primary and secondary production, poor recruitment, reduced growth, and poor survival of many resident species (such as salmon and groundfish), and northward extensions in the range of many tropical species. Concurrently, top predators such as seabirds and pinnipeds often exhibit reproductive failure. In addition to inter-annual variability in ocean conditions, the North Pacific has historically[4] exhibited substantial inter-decadal variability, which is referred to as the Pacific (inter) Decadal Oscillation (PDO).

Anomalously warm sea surface temperatures in the northeast Pacific Ocean developed in 2013 and continued to persist into 2016; this phenomenon was termed "the Blob." During the persistence of the Blob, distribution of marine species was affected (e.g., tropical, and subtropical species were documented far north of their usual ranges), marine mammals and seabirds starved, and a coastwide algal bloom that developed in the summer of 2015 resulted in domoic acid poisoning of animals at various trophic levels, from crustaceans to marine mammals. In 2015-2016, a very strong El Niño event disrupted the Blob. The extent of the impact of The Blob on salmon and salmon fisheries has not been fully determined. It is also uncertain if or when environmental conditions would cause a repeat of this event.

Information on environmental indicators presented in the salmon stoplight charts in CCIEA 2026 suggest average survival for returning Oregon coho and predicted counts of Columbia basin Chinook near the 10-year average in 2026. Stoplight charts of indicators key to the recruitment of SRFC and Central Valley spring Chinook returns reflect mixed conditions, making it difficult to make predictions due to the novel

[4] In CCIEA 2026, the authors note that in recent years, apparent departures from previously documented PDO-ecosystem correlations have raised concern about its continued relevance as an ecosystem indicator, but go on to state the PDO index is likely to remain a useful indicator in North Pacific climate variability, particularly when jointly considered with Pan-Basin Pattern signals.

combination of high flows and high temperatures, whereas the indicator-based outlooks for KRFC are consistent with low returns in 2026 and 2027.

Within the California Current itself, scientists have described long-term warming trends in the upper 50 to 75 meters of the water column. Recent paleoecological studies from marine sediments have indicated that 20th century warming trends in the California Current have exceeded natural variability in ocean temperatures over the last 1,400 years. Statistical analyses of past climate data have improved our understanding of how climate has affected North Pacific ecosystems and associated marine species productivities.

In addition, changes in river flows and flow variability may affect population growth of anadromous fishes. Ward et al. (2015) found that increases in variability in freshwater flows may have a more negative effect than any other climate signal included in their model. Some models predict that in the Pacific Northwest, there will be warmer winters and more variable river flows, which may affect the ability of anadromous fishes to recover in the future (Ward et al. 2015). However, our ability to predict future impacts on a large-scale ecosystem stemming from climate forcing events remains uncertain.

7.10.5 Magnitude and Significance of Proposed Action

The following section presents the short term and long term impacts of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions on each of the managed resources. This is followed by a discussion on the synergistic effects of the proposed action, as well as past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

7.10.5.1 Fishery and Fish Resources

Past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions that affect the salmon fishery and fish resources are considered annually when the Council sets management measures for ocean salmon fisheries based on stock forecasts and in accordance with the various objectives and requirements described in the FMP. The Council also considers fisheries managed by the states and treaty Indian tribes in the North of Falcon management process and Columbia River fisheries managed under *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Plan, as well as northern fisheries managed according to obligations under the PST. Additionally, the Council and NMFS manage ocean salmon fisheries inseason to keep fisheries impacts within the constraints set preseason. The Council also conducts annual methodology reviews to improve models and other tools for assessing salmon stocks. Therefore, the degree of both short term and long-term effects, including the proposed action, on the salmon fishery and fish resources are expected to be not significant.

7.10.5.2 Protected Resources

Past, present, and foreseeable future actions that affect ESA listed salmon are considered annually when the Council sets management measures for ocean salmon fisheries. The framework for managing the fisheries, including exploitation limits, escapement goals, control rules and other measures to limit effects on listed species, has been considered in BiOps and determined not likely to jeopardize listed species. NMFS provides annual guidance applying those limits to annual stock productivity information provided by the states and analyzed by the STT. Fishery management actions have been taken to manage impacts on ESA listed salmon, and the states have developed information to better inform fishery management decisions. The Council also implements Amendment 21 to the FMP to limit the impact of the fisheries on SRKW. Therefore, the magnitude and significance of cumulative effects, including the proposed action on ESA listed species are expected to be not significant.

7.10.5.3 Biodiversity/Ecosystem Function and Habitats

Past, present, and foreseeable future actions that affect biodiversity/ecosystem function and habitats are considered to the extent practicable annually. When considering the proposed action's removal of adult salmon by the ocean fisheries in addition to past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions, such

removal of these salmon is not considered to significantly affect the lower trophic levels or the overall marine ecosystem because salmon are not the only primary predator. In addition, Council area salmon fisheries are conducted at sea with hook-and-line gear and thus, there is no to negligible interactions expected with EFH for salmon or other managed species.

Salmon escapement to fresh water provides for spawning and for carrying marine derived nutrients to freshwater habitats. The importance of salmon carcasses in the transport of marine derived nutrients to freshwater habitats is described in Appendix A of the FMP and the related EA (PFMC and NMFS 2014) and in the EIS for Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Resource Management Plan (NMFS 2004). Council fisheries are designed to provide escapement of salmon to provide for natural spawning and transport of marine derived nutrients.

7.10.5.4 Socioeconomic Environment

Each year the Council evaluates the socioeconomic impact of past salmon fisheries in the stock assessment and fishery evaluation document (e.g., PFMC 2026a) and also evaluates foreseeable future impacts in the annual preseason reports; these documents are also used as the basis for the NEPA analysis for the annual management measures. The magnitude and significance of cumulative effects, including the proposed action on the socioeconomic environment, is expected to be low positive or negative, and not significant.

8.0 CONCLUSION

This analysis has identified no significant impacts that would result from the 2026 ocean salmon regulation Alternatives, from final regulations selected from within the range presented in these Alternatives.

9.0 LIST OF AGENCIES AND PERSONS CONSULTED

The following public meetings were held as part of the salmon management process (Council-sponsored meetings in bold):

November 15-19, 2025:	**Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting**, Costa Mesa, CA.
January 20-23, 2026:	**Salmon Technical Team meeting** (Review preparation), Portland OR.
February 11-12:	California Fish and Game Commission meeting, Sacramento, CA.
February 17-20:	**Salmon Technical Team meeting** (Preseason Report I preparation), Portland, OR.
February 25:	California Department of Fish and Wildlife public meeting, on-line.
February 27:	Oregon Ocean Salmon public meeting, hybrid meeting in Newport, OR.
February 27:	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hybrid public meeting.
March 5-9:	**Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting**, in Sacramento, CA.
March 18:	North of Falcon hybrid meeting Number 1. Discussion of management objectives and proposed fishery plans for sport and commercial fisheries in Puget Sound.
March 23-24:	**Public hearings on management options,** meetings with focused discussions in Washington, Oregon, and California.
March 31:	North of Falcon hybrid meeting Number 2. Statewide fishery proposals, including Puget Sound.
April 8-12:	**Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting**, in Portland, OR.

The following organizations were consulted and/or participated in preparation of supporting documents:

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission
West Coast Indian Tribes

National Marine Fisheries Service, West Coast Region, Sustainable Fisheries Division
National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center
National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Columbia River Fisheries Program Office
United States Coast Guard

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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North of Cape Falcon	**North of Cape Falcon**	**North of Cape Falcon**
Supplemental Management Information	**Supplemental Management Information**	**Supplemental Management Information**
Model #: Coho-2607, Chinook-0726	Model #: Coho-2608, Chinook-0826	Model #: Coho-2609, Chinook-0926
1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 120,000 Chinook and 130,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 62,000 Chinook and 20,800 marked coho. 3. Trade: May be considered at the April Council meeting. 4. 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.	1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 112,500 Chinook and 120,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 57,500 Chinook and 19,200 marked coho. 3. Trade: Same as Alternative 1. 4. Same as Alternative 1.	1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 97,500 Chinook and 90,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 48,750 Chinook and 14,400 marked coho. 3. Trade: Same as Alternative 1. 4. Same as Alternative 1.

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U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon • *May 1-15. See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action.* • May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 41,300 Chinook. Catch limits in place for the following areas (C.8): U.S./Canada border to Queets River - No more than 8,260 Chinook. Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - No more than 6,190 Chinook. 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). U.S./Canada border to Queets River - 80 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. - No landing limit. Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - 80 Chinook per vessel per landing week. 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). If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the all-salmon season (C.8). 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 guidelines and quotas and weekly vessel limits. This opening could be modified following Council review at its March and/or April 2027 meetings.	**U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon** • *May 1-15. See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action.* • May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 38,300 Chinook. Catch limits in place for the following areas (C.8): U.S./Canada border to Queets River - No more than 7,660 Chinook. Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - No more than 5,740 Chinook. Same as Alternative 1. U.S./Canada border to Queets River - 70 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. - 100 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - 70 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	**U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon** • *May 1-15. See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action.* • May 16 through the earlier of June 29, or 24,400 Chinook. Catch limits in place for the following areas (C.8): U.S./Canada border to Queets River - No more than 4,880 Chinook. Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - No more than 3,660 Chinook. Same as Alternative 1. U.S./Canada border to Queets River - 60 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Queets River to Leadbetter Pt. - 80 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon - 60 Chinook per vessel per landing week. Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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North of Cape Falcon	**North of Cape Falcon**	**North of Cape Falcon**
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon • July 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 20,700 Chinook or 20,800 marked coho (C.8). Open seven days per week. All salmon. Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length. Coho minimum size limit of 16 inches total length (B, C.1). All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.8.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). Landing and possession limit of 100 marked coho per vessel per landing week (Thurs.-Wed.). Landing limits will be evaluated weekly, inseason (C.1, C.8.f).	**U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon** • July 1 through the earlier of September 30, or 19,200 Chinook or 19,200 marked coho (C.8). Same as Alternative 1. Landing and possession limits: July 1-8: 60 Chinook and 60 marked coho per vessel for the open period; Beginning July 9: 60 Chinook and 60 marked coho per vessel per landing week (Thurs.-Wed.). Same as Alternative 1.	**U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon** • July 1 through the earlier of September 22, or 24,350 Chinook or 14,400 marked coho (C.8). Same as Alternative 1. Landing and possession limits: July 1-8: 50 Chinook and 40 marked coho per vessel for the open period; Beginning July 9: 50 Chinook and 40 marked coho per vessel per landing week (Thurs.-Wed.). Same as Alternative 1.

For all commercial troll fisheries north of Cape Falcon:

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).

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.

During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line may be fished (C.11).

Vessels fishing for or in possession of salmon north 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. For delivery to Washington ports south of Leadbetter Point, 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 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. For delivery to Washington ports north of Leadbetter Point, 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.).

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).

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).

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).

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South of Cape Falcon	**South of Cape Falcon**	**South of Cape Falcon**
Supplemental Management Information	**Supplemental Management Information**	**Supplemental Management Information**
1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 242,614 hatchery and natural area adults.	1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 238,913 hatchery and natural area adults.	1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 275,316 hatchery and natural area adults.
2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 38.2%.	2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 39.1%.	2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 29.8%.
3. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,355 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	3. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,373 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	3. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,235 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.
4. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,094 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	4. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,043 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.	4. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,067 adult Klamath River fall Chinook.
5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: 67.0% /33.0%.	*5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: 64.7% /35.3%.*	*5. CA/OR share of Klamath River fall Chinook commercial ocean harvest: 74.3% /25.7%.*
6. Overall commercial troll coho TAC: 7,250.	6. Overall commercial troll coho TAC: 7,000.	6. Overall commercial troll coho TAC: 6,000.
Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the California Fish and Game Commission.	Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the California Fish and Game Commission.	Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the California Fish and Game Commission.

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Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • *See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via in-season action. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on the following open dates: April 14-May 15.* • July 17-August 4; • September 1-October 31 (C.8, C.9.a).	**Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.** • *See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via in-season 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).	**Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.** • *See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via in-season 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).
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).	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.
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.	Beginning September 1, all salmon until the earlier of September 30 or a 7,000 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.	Beginning September 1, all salmon until the earlier of September 30 or a 6,000 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 75 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.
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.	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.
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).	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line • May 16-June 30. 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). 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).	**Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line** • May 16-June 30; • July 21-August 7. Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1.	**Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line** • May 16-July 15. Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1.
Heceta Bank Line to Humbug Mountain • May 16-31; • June 23-30. 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). 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).	**Heceta Bank Line to Humbug Mountain** • May 16-31; • June 16-30; • July 21-August 7. Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1.	**Heceta Bank Line to Humbug Mountain** • May 16-31; • June 11-30. Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1.

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Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border. • *See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via in-season action. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on the following open dates: April 14-30.*	**Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border.** • *See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via in-season action. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on the following open dates: April 14-30.*	**Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border.** • *See 2025 management measures and 2026 inseason actions. Fisheries prior to April 14 were closed via in-season action. The Council is seeking public input to inform subsequent inseason action on the following open dates: April 14-30.* • May 16-June 30. 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).
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).	In 2027, same as Alternative 1	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ) • *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.	**OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ)** • *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-May 15.* • Closed.	**OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ)** • *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 1-15 in the CA KMZ were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.* • May 16 through the earlier of May 31, or a 2,000 Chinook quota. • June 1 through the earlier of June 30, or a 2,000 Chinook quota. • July 1 through the earlier of July 31, or a 2,000 Chinook quota. • August 1 through the earlier of August 29, or a 2,000 Chinook quota. Landing and possession limit of 20 Chinook per vessel per day (C.8.f). Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching the quota. 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 salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length. 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. 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)
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.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N. • Closed.	**Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N.** • Closed.	**Humboldt South Jetty to Latitude 40°10' N.** • Closed.
Latitude 40°10' N. to Point Arena (Fort Bragg) • *See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via in-season action.* • August 1-4, 11-14. Landing and possession limit of 100 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 Latitude 40°10' N. of 48,800 Chinook during May through August. 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 within the area, 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 April 16 for all salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). Gear restrictions same as in 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.	**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 in-season action.* • Closed. In 2027, the season opens April 16 for all salmon except coho (C.4, C.7). Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length (B, C.1). Gear restrictions same as in 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	**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 in-season action.* • Closed. In 2027, same as Alternative 2.

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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, 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-May 15.* • August 1-4, 11-14. • Sept 3-7, 10-14. Landing and possession limit of 100 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 Latitude 40°10' N. of 48,800 Chinook during May through August, and 20,000 Chinook during September. 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).	**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 1-7 and May 13-15 in San Francisco were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.* • May 16-19. • June 1-6. • August 1-7,13-18. Landing and possession limit of 100 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 Latitude 40°10' N. of 52,000 Chinook during May through August. Same as Alternative 1. <u>38°02" N. lat. to Pigeon Point Subarea:</u> Sept 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-28, 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)	**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, 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-May 15.* • Closed.
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.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	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.

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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 12-15 in Monterey were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.*	**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 1-7 and May 13-15 in Monterey were included in the impact analyses of this alternative.*	**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, 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-May 15.*
• May 16-17. • June 1-5, 12-16. • July 1-4. • August 1-4, 11-14.	• May 16-19. • June 1-6. • August 1-7,13-18.	• Closed.
Landing and possession limit of 100 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 Latitude 40°10' N. of 48,800 Chinook during May through August.	Landing and possession limit of 100 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 Latitude 40°10' N. of 52,000 Chinook during May through August.	
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).	Same as Alternative 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).	Same as Alternative 1.	
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.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	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 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)).		

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	-
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	28	21.5	16	12	-
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	28	21.5	-	-	-
OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty	27	20.5	-	-	-
Latitude 40°10' N. to Pt. Arena	27	20.5	-	-	-
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	27	20.5	-	-	-
Pt. Reyes to Pt San Pedro	26	19.5	-	-	-
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border	27	20.5	-	-	-

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:

Alternative I: Prior to September 1, 2026, no more than 4 spreads are allowed per line. Beginning September 1, 2026, no restrictions on number of spreads allowed per line.

Alternative II and III: No more than 4 spreads are allowed per line.

c. OR/CA border to U.S./Mexico border: No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel, and barbless circle hooks are required when fishing with bait by any means other than trolling.

C.3. Gear Definitions:

Trolling defined: Fishing from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.

Troll fishing gear defined: One or more lines that drag hooks behind a moving fishing vessel engaged in trolling. In that portion of the fishery management area off Oregon and Washington, the line or lines must be affixed to the vessel and must not be intentionally disengaged from the vessel at any time during the fishing operation.

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

Circle hook defined: A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90º 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. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (continued)

C.5. Control Zone Definitions:

a. *Cape Flattery Control Zone:* The area from Cape Flattery (48º23'00" N. lat.) to the northern boundary of the U.S. EEZ; and the area from Cape Flattery south to Cape Alava (48º10'00" N. lat.) and east of 125º05'00" 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.).

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 calling 800-889-8346 and providing the same information as reported to the U.S. Coast Guard. All salmon must be offloaded within 24 hours of reaching port.

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

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 2026, prior to any 2026 inseason action, will be in effect when incidental Pacific halibut retention opens on April 1, 2026 unless otherwise modified by inseason action at the March 2026 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.

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).

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

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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North of Cape Falcon	**North of Cape Falcon**	**North of Cape Falcon**
Supplemental Management Information	**Supplemental Management Information**	**Supplemental Management Information**
1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 120,000 Chinook and 130,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Recreational TAC: 58,000 Chinook and 109,200 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked. 3. Various daily limits and species combinations of one and two salmon will be considered. Including one fish, two fish only, one of which may be a Chinook, and two fish only one of which may be a coho. 4. Trade: May be considered at the April Council meeting. 5. No Area 4B add-on fishery. 6. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 35,000 marked coho in August and September. 7. 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.	1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 112,500 Chinook and 120,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Recreational TAC: 55,000 Chinook and 100,800 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked. 3. Same as Alternative 1. 4. Trade: Same as Alternative 1. 5. Same as Alternative 1. 6. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 40,000 marked coho in August and September. 7. Same as Alternative 1.	1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 97,500 Chinook and 90,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked). 2. Recreational TAC: 48,750 Chinook and 75,600 marked coho; all retained coho must be marked. 3. Same as Alternative 1. 4. Trade: Same as Alternative 1 5. Same as Alternative 1. 6. Buoy 10 fishery opens August 1 with an expected landed catch of 50,000 marked coho in August and September. 7. Same as Alternative 1.
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay Subarea) • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 11,360 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 14,080 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u> June 20 through July 5, one salmon per day. Beginning July 6, 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). 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). Beginning August 1, Chinook non-retention east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line (C.4.a) during Council managed ocean fishery.	**U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay Subarea)** • June 27 through the earlier of September 30, or 10,480 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 13,360 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u> June 27 through July 5, one salmon per day. Beginning July 6, 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). Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1.	**U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava (Neah Bay Subarea)** • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 7,860 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 11,840 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. 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). Same as Alternative 1. Same as Alternative 1.

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Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea) • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 2,840 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 2,360 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u> June 20 through July 5, one salmon per day. Beginning July 6, 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). 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).	**Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea)** • June 27 through the earlier of September 30, or 2,620 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 2,240 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u> June 27 through July 5, one salmon per day. Beginning July 6, 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). Same as Alternative 1.	**Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea)** • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 1,970 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 1,980 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. 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). Same as Alternative 1.
Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea) • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 40,400 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 23,540 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon, two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B). 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).	**Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea)** • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 37,300 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 22,310 Chinook (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon <u>except coho</u>, June 20 through July 5, one salmon per day. Beginning July 6, all salmon, two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B). Same as Alternative 1.	**Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport Subarea)** *The following seasons will be managed for a total subarea quota of 27,970 marked coho or subarea guideline of 19,780 Chinook (C.5).* • June 28 through the earlier of July 30, or until subarea guideline/quota is met (C.5) Open five days per week (Sun.–Thur.). 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). • July 31 through September 30 or until subarea guideline/quota is met (C.5) Open seven days per week. All salmon, two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B). Same as Alternative 1.

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Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea) • June 20 through the earlier of September 30, or 54,600 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 18,020 Chinook (C.5).	**Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea)** • June 27 through the earlier of September 30, or 50,400 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 17,090 Chinook (C.5).	**Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea)** • June 27 through the earlier of September 30 or 37,800 marked coho subarea quota, with a subarea guideline of 15,150 Chinook (C.5).
Open seven days per week. All salmon, two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit of 22 inches total length (B).	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.
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).	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.

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South of Cape Falcon	**South of Cape Falcon**	**South of Cape Falcon**
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
Supplemental Management Information	**Supplemental Management Information**	**Supplemental Management Information**
1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 242,614 hatchery and natural area adults. 2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 38.2%. 3. Sacramento River fall Chinook river recreational impacts: 41,145 4. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,355 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 5. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,094 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 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. 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.	1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 238,913 hatchery and natural area adults. 2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 39.1%. 3. Sacramento River fall Chinook river recreational impacts: 40,517 4. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,373 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 5. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,043 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 6. Overall recreational coho TAC: 45,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and 27,500 coho in the non-mark-selective coho fishery. Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the CFGC.	1. Sacramento River fall Chinook spawning escapement of 275,316 hatchery and natural area adults. 2. Sacramento Index exploitation rate of 29.8%. 3. Sacramento River fall Chinook river recreational impacts: 46,691 4. Klamath River recreational fishery allocation: 3,235 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 5. Klamath tribal allocation: 7,067 adult Klamath River fall Chinook. 6. Overall recreational coho TAC: 40,000 coho marked with a healed adipose fin clip (marked), and 25,000 coho in the non-mark-selective coho fishery. Fisheries may need to be adjusted to meet NMFS ESA consultation standards, FMP requirements, other management objectives, or upon receipt of new allocation recommendations from the CFGC.

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Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border. • *March 15-May 15. See 2025 management measures, and 2026 inseason actions. Dates may be subject to further inseason action.* • May 16-August 31. 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).	**Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border.** • *March 15-May 15. See 2025 management measures, and 2026 inseason actions. Dates may be subject to further inseason action.*	**Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border.** • *March 15-May 15. See 2025 management measures, and 2026 inseason actions. Dates may be subject to further inseason action.*
<u>Mark-selective coho fishery:</u> • June 6 through the earlier of August 30 or the 50,000 marked coho quota (C.6). 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).	<u>Mark-selective coho fishery:</u> • June 13 through the earlier of August 23 or the 45,000 marked coho quota (C.6). Open seven days per week, two salmon per day, 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).	<u>Mark-selective coho fishery:</u> • June 20 through the earlier of August 23 or the 40,000 marked coho quota (C.6). Open seven days per week, two salmon per day, 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).
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).	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.
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.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. • September 1-October 31 (C.6). Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided below during the 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). <u>Non-mark-selective coho fishery:</u> • 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). 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).	**Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.** • May 16-October 31 (C.6). Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except as provided above during the mark-selective coho fishery and during the non-mark-selective coho fishery (C.5), two fish per day. Beginning August 24, only <u>one</u> may be a Chinook (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). <u>Non-mark-selective coho fishery:</u> • 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). Open seven days per week. All salmon (C.5), two fish per day, only one may be a Chinook (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).	**Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.** • May 16-October 31 (C.6). 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), <u>one</u> 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). <u>Non-mark-selective coho fishery:</u> • September 1 through the earlier of September 30, or a 25,000 non-mark-selective coho quota (C.6). Open days may be modified inseason (C.5). Open seven days per week. All salmon (C.5), two fish per day, only one may be a Chinook (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).
	Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border • May 16-August 31 (C.6). Open seven days per week. All salmon except coho, except during the mark-selective coho fishery (C.5), two salmon per day, except beginning August 24 only one salmon per day (C.1). Chinook minimum size limit 24 inches total length (B, C.1). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).	
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).		

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OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ) • *See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via in-season action.* • June 20-July 19; • August 1-23. Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 3,100 Chinook.	**OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ)** • *See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via in-season 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 3,900 Chinook.	**OR/CA Border to latitude 40°10' N. (California KMZ)** *See 2025 management measures, which are subject to inseason action. Fisheries prior to May 16 were closed via in-season 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 3,100 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).	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.
Klamath Control Zone closed in August (C.4.d). See California statutes for additional closures adjacent to the Smith, Eel, and Klamath Rivers.	Same as Alternative 1.	Same as Alternative 1.
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.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

TABLE 2. 2026 Recreational management Alternatives for non-Indian ocean salmon fisheries – Council adopted. (Page 8 of 12)		
A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS		
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
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 in-season action.* • June 20-July 19; • August 1-23. Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 4,400 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.	**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 in-season 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. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	**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 in-season 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 5,000 Chinook. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS		
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
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 in-season action.* • June 20-July 19; • August 1-23. Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 32,400 Chinook. <u>38°02" N. lat. to Pigeon Point Subarea</u> • 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 Point Reyes and Pigeon Point. 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.	**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 in-season action.* • May 16-28; • June 13-July 5; • August 1-31. Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 31,200 Chinook. • September 1-October 15 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. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	**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 in-season 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. • 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. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.

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A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS		
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
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 11 was closed via in-season 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 24 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.	**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 11 was closed via in-season 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 23. Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 21,600 Chinook. Same as Alternative 1. • September 1-13. 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. Same as Alternative 1. In 2027, same as Alternative 1.	**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 11 was closed via in-season 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 16. Inseason action may be taken to close open days when total harvest is approaching an area-specific harvest guideline of 21,300 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, same as Alternative 1.
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)).		

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	-	-
Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico Border (Monterey)		-	-
Alternative I and II: May 16-August	24		
Alternative I and II: September	20		
Alternative III:	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.

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.
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.

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

A. SEASON ALTERNATIVE DESCRIPTIONS		
ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II	ALTERNATIVE III
Supplemental Management Information	**Supplemental Management Information**	**Supplemental Management Information**
1. Overall Treaty-Indian TAC: 55,000 Chinook and 50,000 coho. 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. 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.	**1. Overall Treaty-Indian TAC: 45,000 Chinook and 40,000 coho.** 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. 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.	**1. Overall Treaty-Indian TAC: 35,000 Chinook and 30,000 coho.** 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. 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.
• May 1 through the earlier of June 30 or **27,500 Chinook quota**. 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). • **July 1 through a season end date in September (TBD), or 27,500 Chinook quota, or 50,000 coho quota.** All Salmon. See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).	• May 1 through the earlier of June 30 or **22,500 Chinook quota**. 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). • **July 1 through a season end date in September (TBD), or 22,500 Chinook quota or 40,000 coho quota** All salmon. See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).	• May 1 through the earlier of June 30 or **17,500 Chinook quota**. 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). • **July 1 through a season end date in September (TBD), or 17,500 Chinook quota or 30,000 coho quota** All salmon. See size limit (B) and other restrictions (C).

B. MINIMUM LENGTH (TOTAL INCHES)

	Chinook		Coho		
Area (when open)	Total Length	Head-off	Total Length	Head-off	Pink
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 the season end date of no later than September 30 (TBD).

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.

TABLE 4. 2026 Chinook and coho harvest quotas and guidelines (*) for ocean salmon fishery management Alternatives - Council adopted.

Fishery or Quota Designation	Chinook for Alternative I	Chinook for Alternative II	Chinook for Alternative III	Coho for Alternative I	Coho for Alternative II	Coho for Alternative III
NORTH OF CAPE FALCON						
TREATY INDIAN OCEAN TROLL[a/]						
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (All Except Coho)	27,500	22,500	17,500	-	-	-
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (All Species)	27,500	22,500	17,500	50,000	40,000	30,000
Subtotal Treaty Indian Ocean Troll	55,000	45,000	35,000	50,000	40,000	30,000
NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL[b/]						
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (All Except Coho)	41,300	38,300	24,400	-	-	-
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (All Species)	20,700	19,200	24,350	20,800	19,200	14,400
Subtotal Non-Indian Commercial Troll	62,000	57,500	48,750	20,800	19,200	14,400
RECREATIONAL						
U.S./Canada Border to Cape Alava[b/]	14,080 *	13,360 *	11,840 *	11,360	10,480	7,860
Cape Alava to Queets River[b/]	2,360 *	2,240 *	1,980 *	2,840	2,620	1,970
Queets River to Leadbetter Pt.[b/]	23,540 *	22,310 *	19,780 *	40,400	37,300	27,970
Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon[b/c/]	18,020 *	17,090 *	15,150 *	54,600	50,400	37,800
Subtotal Recreational	58,000	55,000	48,750	109,200	100,800	75,600
TOTAL NORTH OF CAPE FALCON	175,000	157,500	132,500	180,000	160,000	120,000
SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON						
COMMERCIAL TROLL[a/]						
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	-	-	-	7,250	7,000	6,000
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	-	-	-	-	-	-
OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty	-	-	8,000	-	-	-
LAT 40°10' N. to U.S./Mexico Border	48,800	-	-	-	-	-
Point Arena to U.S./Mexico Border	-	52,000	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Commercial Troll	48,800	52,000	8,000	7,250	7,000	6,000
RECREATIONAL						
Cape Falcon to OR/CA Border	-	-	-	77,500 [d/]	72,500 [e/]	65,000 [f/]
OR/CA Border to LAT 40°10' N.	3,100 *	3,900 *	3,100 *	-	-	-
LAT 40°10' N. to Point Arena	4,400 *	5,100 *	5,000 *	-	-	-
Point Arena to Pigeon Point	32,400 *	31,200 *	34,000 *	-	-	-
Pigeon Point to U.S./Mexico Border	21,800 *	21,600 *	21,300 *	-	-	-
Subtotal Recreational	61,700	61,800	63,400	77,500	72,500	65,000
TOTAL SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON	110,500	113,800	71,400	84,750	79,500	71,000

a/ Quotas are non-mark selective for both Chinook and coho.

b/ Quotas are non-mark-selective for Chinook and mark-selective for coho.

c/ Does not include Buoy 10 fishery. Expected catch in August and September: Alternative I - 35,000 marked coho; Alternative II - 40,000 marked coho; Alternative III - 50,000 marked coho.

d/ The quota consists of both mark-selective and non-mark-selective coho quotas: 50,000 and 27,500 respectively.

e/ The quota consists of both mark-selective and non-mark-selective coho quotas: 45,000 and 27,500 respectively.

f/ The quota consists of both mark-selective and non-mark-selective coho quotas: 40,000 and 25,000 respectively.

TABLE 5. Projected key stock escapements (thousands of fish) or management criteria for 2026 ocean fishery Alternatives - Council adopted [a/] (Page 1 of 3)

Key Stock/Criteria	PROJECTED Alt I	Alt II	Alt III	2026 Criteria	Spawner Objective or Other Comparative Standard as Noted [b/]
CHINOOK					**CHINOOK**
Columbia Upriver Brights	280.7	282.2	283.9	74.0	Minimum ocean escapement to attain 60.0 adults over McNary Dam, with normal distribution and no mainstem harvest.
Mid-Columbia Brights	111.1	111.7	112.4	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	117.4	118.7	121.1	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)	**42.5%**	**41.6%**	39.9%	≤ 41.0%	Total adult equivalent fishery exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Columbia Lower River Wild[e/] (threatened)	15.7	15.8	15.8	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	121.5	123.5	127.1	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	40.3	40.7	41.4	29.0	Aggregate escapement to mouth of Columbia River.
Snake River Fall (threatened) SRFI	58.6%	55.3%	50.7%	≤ 70.0%	Of 1988-1993 base period exploitation rate for all ocean fisheries (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Klamath River Fall	30.143	30.143	30.144	≥ 30.143	2026 minimum natural area adult escapement (FMP control rule).
Federally recognized tribal harvest	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	Equals 7094, 7043, and 7067 adult fish for Yurok and Hoopa Valley tribal fisheries.
Exploitation (spawner reduction) rate	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	≤ 25.0%	FMP control rule.
Adult river mouth return	52.735	52.712	52.602	NA	Total adults.
Age-4 ocean harvest rate	7.2%	7.9%	8.2%	≤ 8.6%	NMFS guidance for implementing regulations addressing CCC.
KMZ sport fishery share	10.9%	13.1%	8.3%		
River recreational fishery share	47.3%	47.9%	45.8%		Equals 3355, 3373, and 3235 adult fish for recreational inriver fisheries.
Sacramento River Winter (endangered)	11.3%	10.2%	10.8%	≤ 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
Sacramento River Fall	242.6	238.9	275.3	≥ 188.3	2026 minimum hatchery and natural area adult escapement (FMP).
Sacramento Index Exploitation Rate	38.2%	39.1%	29.8%	≤ 52.0%	FMP control rule.
Ocean commercial impacts	57.3	61.7	18.4		Includes fall (Sept-Dec) 2025 impacts (117 SRFC).
Ocean recreational impacts	51.3	51.2	52.0		Includes fall (Sept-Dec) 2025 impacts (8281 SRFC).
River recreational impacts	41.145	40.517	46.691		
SRKW Prey Abundance					
North of Falcon	920.6	920.5	920.9	≥ 623.0	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook from U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon
Oregon Coast	560.7	560.6	561.4	NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook from Cape Falcon to Lat. 40°10' N.
California Coast	430.4	430.1	431.9	NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook south of Lat. 40°10' N.
Southwest WCVI	715.7	715.6	715.7	NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook off Southwest Vancouver Island
Salish Sea	1,192.0	1,192.0	1,192.0	NA	Oct 1 starting abundance of age 3+ Chinook in the Salish Sea

TABLE 5. Projected key stock escapements (thousands of fish) or management criteria for 2026 ocean fishery Alternatives - Council adopted[a/] (Page 2 of 3).

Key Stock/Criteria	PROJECTED Alt I	Alt II	Alt III	2026 Criteria	Spawner Objective or Other Comparative Standard as Noted [b/]
COHO		**COHO**			**COHO**
Interior Fraser (Thompson River)	9.9%(4.4%)	9.2%(3.7%)	8.2%(2.7%)	≤ 10.0%	2026 Southern U.S. exploitation rate ceiling; PSC coho agreement.
Skagit	42.1%(3.9%)	41.7%(3.2%)	41.1%(2.4%)	≤ 60.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix[d/]
Stillaguamish	31.6%(2.8%)	31.2%(2.4%)	30.7%(1.8%)	≤ 50.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix[d/]
Snohomish	36.2%(2.9%)	35.8%(2.4%)	35.2%(1.8%)	≤ 40.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix[d/]
Hood Canal	35.5%(4.3%)	35.0%(3.6%)	34.3%(2.7%)	≤ 45.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling; FMP matrix[d/]
Strait of Juan de Fuca	10.8%(4.1%)	10.2%(3.5%)	9.4%(2.8%)	≤ 20.0%	2026 total exploitation rate ceiling (10% SUS); FMP matrix[d/]
Quillayute Fall	12.1	12.2	12.3	6.3	FMP MSY adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	29.8%	29.3%	28.5%	≤ 51%	PST total exploitation rate constraint for 2026.[d/f/]
Hoh	5.4	5.5	5.7	2.0	FMP MSY adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	47.9%	46.9%	45.3%	≤ 65%	FMP total exploitation rate constraint for 2026.[d/f/]
Queets Wild	8.6	8.7	9.0	5.8	FMP MSY adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	37.3%	36.2%	34.0%	≤ 44%	PST total exploitation rate constraint for 2026.[d/f/]
Grays Harbor	73.0	73.6	74.8	35.4	FMP MSP natural area adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
	49.4%	48.9%	48.1%	≤ 56%	PST total exploitation rate constraint for 2026.[d/f/]
Willapa Bay	29.5	30.0	30.8	17.2	FMP MSY natural area adult spawner estimate. Value depicted is ocean escapement.
Lower Columbia River Natural[c/] (threatened)	**16.5%**	15.0%	11.9%	≤ 23.0%	Total marine and mainstem Columbia R. fishery exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard). Value depicted is marine ER before Buoy 10.
Upper Columbia[c/]	58%	59%	63%	≥ 50%	Minimum percentage of the run to Bonneville Dam.
Columbia River Hatchery Early	201.6	203.7	209.4	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	107.8	112.7	124.5	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/]	29.8%	29.1%	27.4%	≤ 30.0%	Marine and freshwater fishery exploitation rate (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (threatened)[c/]					
Trinity Natural	15.5%	15.5%	16.0%	≤ 16.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Klamath Natural	8.2%	8.1%	8.7%	≤ 15.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Rogue Natural	7.2%	7.1%	7.7%	≤ 15.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).
Other Natural	2.3%	2.2%	2.9%	≤ 15.0%	Total exploitation rate ceiling (NMFS ESA consultation standard).

TABLE 5. Projected key stock escapements (thousands of fish) or management criteria for 2026 ocean fishery Alternatives - Council adopted[a/] (Page 3 of 3).

a/ Coho projections in the table are based on 2025 pre-season stock and fishery inputs for Canadian fisheries. Model results for Chinook in this table used 2025 preseason effort scalars for SEAK, NBC, and WCVI AABM fisheries, recent 2-yr average catches for BC ISBM fisheries, and 2025 preseason catches for Puget Sound fisheries. Assumptions for these fisheries will be changed prior to the April meeting as new information becomes available.

b/ Ocean escapement is the number of salmon escaping ocean fisheries and entering freshwater with the following clarifications. Ocean escapement for Puget Sound stocks is the estimated number of salmon entering Area 4B that are available to U.S. net fisheries in Puget Sound and spawner escapement after impacts from the Canadian, U.S. ocean, and Puget Sound troll and recreational fisheries have been deducted. Numbers in parentheses represent Council area ERs for Puget Sound coho stocks. For Columbia River early and late coho stocks, ocean escapement represents the number of coho after the Buoy 10 fishery. Values reported for Klamath River fall Chinook are natural area adult spawners. Values reported for Sacramento River fall Chinook are hatchery and natural area adult spawners.

c/ Totals do not include Buoy 10 and estuary/freshwater for LCN. For OCN, SONCC, and LCR Tule 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.

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.

TABLE 6. Preliminary projections of Chinook and coho harvest impacts for 2026 ocean salmon fishery management Alternatives - Council adopted. (Page 1 of 2)

Area and Fishery	2026 Catch Projection			2026 Bycatch Mortality[a/] Projection			2026 Bycatch Projection[b/]			Observed in 2025	
	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III	Catch	Bycatch Mortality [a/d/]
OCEAN FISHERIES:						**CHINOOK (thousands of fish)**					
NORTH OF CAPE FALCON											
Treaty Indian Ocean Troll	55.0	45.0	35.0	5.7	4.6	3.6	14.1	11.6	9.0	32.6	3.3
Non-Indian Commercial Troll	62.0	57.5	48.8	23.1	21.4	17.6	81.6	75.6	61.8	60.4	22.2
Recreational	58.0	55.0	48.8	7.0	6.6	5.9	31.8	30.0	26.8	32.3	3.9
CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.[c/]											
Commercial Troll	33.8	32.0	32.5	6.7	6.4	6.5	18.8	17.8	18.0	24.1	1.2
Recreational	11.0	9.8	9.7	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.9	3.5	3.4	2.7	0.5
HUMBUG MT. TO OR/CA BORDER											
Commercial Troll	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Recreational	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1
OR/CA BORDER TO LAT 40°10' N.											
Commercial Troll	-	-	8.0	-	-	1.6	-	-	4.4	0.0	0.0
Recreational	2.4	3.1	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.1
LAT 40°10' N. TO PT. ARENA											
Commercial Troll	9.2	-	-	1.8	-	-	5.1	-	-	0.0	0.0
Recreational	3.5	4.1	4.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.0
PT. ARENA TO PIGEON PT.											
Commercial Troll	7.1	37.1	-	1.4	7.4	-	4.0	20.6	-	0.0	0.0
Recreational	33.2	31.6	33.3	3.5	3.3	3.5	11.2	10.7	11.3	17.9	1.9
SOUTH OF PIGEON PT.											
Commercial Troll	35.0	20.0	-	7.0	4.0	-	19.4	11.1	-	0.0	0.0
Recreational	17.9	17.4	17.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	6.0	5.9	5.8	3.6	0.4
TOTAL OCEAN FISHERIES											
Commercial Troll	202.2	191.6	125.5	45.7	43.8	29.5	143.0	136.7	93.9	117.1	26.7
Recreational	127.8	122.9	115.9	14.4	13.7	13.0	55.8	53.3	49.7	57.1	6.9
INSIDE FISHERIES:											
Area 4B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buoy 10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	30.3	5.5

TABLE 6. Preliminary projections of Chinook and coho harvest impacts for 2026 ocean salmon fishery management Alternatives - Council adopted. (Page 2 of 2).

Area and Fishery	2026 Catch Projection			2026 Bycatch Mortality[a/] Projection			2026 Bycatch Projection[b/]			Observed in 2025	
	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III	Catch	Bycatch Mortality [a/d/]
OCEAN FISHERIES:						**COHO (thousands of fish)**					
NORTH OF CAPE FALCON											
Treaty Indian Ocean Troll[e/]	50.0	40.0	30.0	3.6	2.9	2.1	6.6	5.4	3.9	37.3	1.9
Non-Indian Commercial Troll	20.8	19.2	14.4	13.7	12.5	8.7	46.4	42.7	29.3	8.2	7.4
Recreational	109.2	100.8	75.6	26.9	24.8	18.0	124.2	114.6	82.2	94.3	20.8
SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON											
Commercial Troll	7.3	7.0	6.0	2.7	2.8	3.6	9.2	9.9	13.0	3.3	1.8
Recreational[e/]	77.5	72.5	65.0	20.4	18.7	16.6	96.4	88.9	78.4	53.5	16.1
TOTAL OCEAN FISHERIES											
Commercial Troll	78.1	66.2	50.4	19.9	18.3	14.4	62.3	58.0	46.3	48.8	11.2
Recreational	186.7	173.3	140.6	47.3	43.5	34.6	220.6	203.5	160.7	147.8	37.0
INSIDE FISHERIES:											
Area 4B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buoy 10	35.0	40.0	50.0	9.1	10.2	12.3	42.5	47.5	56.9	42.5	7.5

a/ The bycatch mortality reported in this table consists of drop-off mortality (includes predation on hooked fish) plus hook-and-release mortality of Chinook and coho salmon in Council-area fisheries. Drop-off mortality for both Chinook and coho is assumed to be equal to 5% of total encounters. The hook-and-release mortality (HRM) rates used for both Chinook and coho are:

Commercial: 26%.

Recreational, north of Pt. Arena: 14%.

Recreational, south of Pt. Arena: 15% (based on the expected proportion of fish that will be caught using mooching versus trolling gear, and the HRMs of 42.2% and 14% for these two respective gear types).

b/ Bycatch calculated as dropoff mortality plus fish released.

c/ Includes Oregon territorial water, late season Chinook fisheries.

d/ Observed bycatch mortality was calculated for NOF Chinook fisheries by scaling preseason projections of incidental mortality by the ratio of observed to projected catch. For all other areas, observed bycatch mortality is based on reported kept and released Chinook or coho.

e/ Includes fisheries that allow retention of all legal sized coho.

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

	Exploitation Rate (Percent)								
	LCN Coho			OCN Coho			LCR Tule Chinook		
Fishery	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III
SOUTHEAST ALASKA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	12.8%	12.9%	13.2%
PUGET SOUND/STRAIT	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
NORTH OF CAPE FALCON									
Treaty Indian Ocean Troll	2.4%	1.9%	1.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	2.5%	2.0%	1.6%
Recreational	6.4%	5.8%	4.2%	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	5.3%	5.1%	4.5%
Non-Indian Troll	1.8%	1.6%	1.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	8.6%	8.0%	6.8%
SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON									
Recreational:							0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	4.4%	4.2%	3.7%	11.9%	11.5%	10.3%	-	-	-
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	-	-	-
OR/CA border to Lat. 40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-	-	-
Fort Bragg	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	-	-	-
South of Pt. Arena	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	-	-	-
Troll:							1.4%	1.3%	1.3%
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.2%	-	-	-
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	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%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	-	-	-
Fort Bragg	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-
South of Pt. Arena	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-	-	-
BUOY 10	2.7%	3.0%	3.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	10.1%	10.3%	10.6%
ESTUARY/FRESHWATER	NA	NA	NA	12.8%	12.8%	12.8%			
TOTAL[a/]	**16.5%**	15.0%	11.9%	29.8%	29.1%	27.4%	**42.5%**	**41.6%**	39.9%

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

	Exploitation Rate (Percent)											
	Trinity Natural			Klamath Natural			Rogue Natural			Other SONCC		
Fishery	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III
SOUTHEAST ALASKA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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%	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%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Recreational	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Non-Indian Troll	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border (KMZ)	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%
OR/CA border to Lat. 40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Fort Bragg	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
South of Pt. Arena	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Troll:												
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	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%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
OR/CA border to Lat. 40°10' N. (KMZ)	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Fort Bragg	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
South of Pt. Arena	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
BUOY 10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ESTUARY/FRESHWATER	13.2%	13.2%	13.2%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL	15.5%	15.5%	16.0%	8.2%	8.1%	8.7%	7.2%	7.1%	7.7%	2.3%	2.2%	2.9%

a/ Totals do not include Buoy 10 and estuary/freshwater for LCN. For OCN, SONCC, and LCR Tule 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 8. Projected coho mark rates for 2026 fisheries under base period fishing patterns (percent marked).

Area	Fishery	June	July	August	Sept
Canada					
Johnstone Strait	Recreational	--	26%	22%	--
West Coast Vancouver Island	Recreational	46%	42%	43%	48%
North Georgia Strait	Recreational	44%	45%	44%	38%
South Georgia Strait	Recreational	48%	50%	44%	47%
Juan de Fuca Strait	Recreational	41%	43%	43%	42%
Johnstone Strait	Troll	52%	42%	34%	40%
NW Vancouver Island	Troll	49%	43%	44%	44%
SW Vancouver Island	Troll	52%	48%	48%	49%
Georgia Strait	Troll	53%	53%	54%	49%
Puget Sound					
Strait of Juan de Fuca (Area 5)	Recreational	48%	45%	45%	45%
Strait of Juan de Fuca (Area 6)	Recreational	44%	43%	45%	41%
San Juan Island (Area 7)	Recreational	47%	51%	45%	32%
North Puget Sound (Areas 6 & 7A)	Net	--	49%	47%	38%
Council Area					
Neah Bay (Area 4/4B)	Recreational	39%	48%	47%	52%
LaPush (Area 3)	Recreational	45%	51%	54%	53%
Westport (Area 2)	Recreational	57%	56%	56%	56%
Columbia River (Area 1)	Recreational	59%	60%	56%	58%
Tillamook	Recreational	54%	51%	46%	33%
Newport	Recreational	49%	46%	43%	31%
Coos Bay	Recreational	39%	36%	26%	14%
Brookings	Recreational	34%	25%	24%	13%
Neah Bay (Area 4/4B)	Troll	48%	49%	48%	48%
LaPush (Area 3)	Troll	50%	51%	48%	49%
Westport (Area 2)	Troll	50%	53%	54%	58%
Columbia River (Area 1)	Troll	58%	58%	57%	50%
Tillamook	Troll	53%	51%	50%	50%
Newport	Troll	49%	48%	42%	42%
Coos Bay	Troll	38%	35%	31%	19%
Brookings	Troll	31%	34%	36%	54%
Columbia River					
Buoy 10	Recreational	--	--	--	58%

TABLE 9. Status categories and constraints for Puget Sound and Washington Coast coho under the FMP and PST Southern Coho Management Plan.

FMP

FMP Stock	Total Exploitation Rate Constraint[a/]	Categorical Status[a/]
Skagit	60%	Normal
Stillaguamish	50%	Normal
Snohomish	40%	Low
Hood Canal	45%	Low
Strait of Juan de Fuca	20%	Critical
Quillayute Fall	59%	
Hoh	65%	
Queets	65%	
Grays Harbor	65%	

PST Southern Coho Management Plan

U.S. Management Unit	Total Exploitation Rate Constraint[b/]	Categorical Status[c/]
Skagit	60%	Abundant
Stillaguamish	50%	Abundant
Snohomish	40%	Moderate
Hood Canal	45%	Moderate
Strait of Juan de Fuca	20%	Low
Quillayute Fall[c/]	51%	Abundant
Hoh[c/]	69%	Abundant
Queets[c/]	44%	Abundant
Grays Harbor[c/d/]	50%	Abundant

a/ Preliminary. For Puget Sound stocks, the exploitation rate constraints and categorical status (Normal, Low, Critical) reflect application of Comprehensive Coho Agreement rules, as adopted in the FMP. For Washington Coast stocks, exploitation rate constraints represent MFMT. Note that under *U.S. v. Washington* and *Hoh v. Baldrige* case law, the management objectives can differ from FMP objectives provided there is an annual agreement among the state and tribal comanagers; therefore, the exploitation rates used to report categorical status do not necessarily represent maximum allowable rates for these stocks.

b/ Preliminary. For Puget Sound and Washington Coast management units, the exploitation rate constraints reflect application of the 2019 PST Southern Coho Management Plan.

c/ Categories (Abundant, Moderate, Low) correspond to the general exploitation rate ranges depicted in paragraph 8(b)(iii) of the 2019 PST Southern Coho Management Plan. For Washington Coast stocks, categorical status is determined by the exploitation rate associated with meeting the escapement goal (or the lower end of the escapement goal range). As Washington Coast stocks are managed to achieve agreed escapment goals, this exploitation rate also becomes an approximation of the maximum allowable rate unless the stock is in the "Low" status. In that case, an ER of up to 20% is allowed.

d/ Based on projected natural area spawners (wild plus hatchery strays) and MSP escapement goal of 35,400. Exploitation rate constraint subject to change should comanagers agree to a modified escapement goal under *U.S. v. Washington* and *Hoh v. Baldrige* case law.

TABLE 10. Preliminary projected exvessel value by commercial management area under Council-adopted 2026 non-Indian **commercial** troll salmon Alternatives compared to 2025 and the 2020-2024 average (in inflation-adjusted dollars).

		Exvessel Value (thousands of dollars)[a/]				
Management Area	Alternative	2026 Projected[b/]	2025 Actual	Percent Change from 2025	2020-2024 Average	Percent Change From 2020-2024 Average
North of Cape Falcon	I	5,380	5,553	-3%	2,644	+104%
	II	4,988		-10%		+89%
	III	4,200		-24%		+59%
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	I	4,224	3,263	+29%	1,993	+112%
	II	4,002		+23%		+101%
	III	4,039		+24%		+103%
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	I	0	0	-	58	-100%
	II	0		-		-100%
	III	144		-		+148%
OR/CA Border to 40º10' N. Lat.	I	0	0	-	0	-
	II	0		-		-
	III	983		-		-
40º10' N. Lat. to Pt. Arena	I	695	0	-	1,141	-39%
	II	0		-		-100%
	III	0		-		-100%
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	I	632	0	-	6,828	-91%
	II	3,285		-		-52%
	III	0		-		-100%
South of Pigeon Pt.	I	3,431	0	-	3,753	-9%
	II	1,959		-		-48%
	III	0		-		-100%
Total South of Cape Falcon	I	8,982	3,263	+175%	13,773	-35%
	II	9,246		+183%		-33%
	III	5,166		+58%		-62%
West Coast Total	I	14,362	8,816	+63%	16,416	-13%
	II	14,234		+61%		-13%
	III	9,366		+6%		-43%

a/ Values are inflation-adjusted to 2025 dollars. Exvessel values are not comparable with the income impacts shown in Table 11.

b/ Projections are based on expected catches in the Council management area and estimated 2025 (or 2022 in cases where there was no harvest in 2025, 2024 or 2023) average weights and exvessel prices.

TABLE 11. Preliminary angler trips and community income impacts by recreational management area projected under Council-adopted 2026 **recreational** ocean salmon fishery Alternatives compared to 2025 and the 2020-2024 average (in inflation-adjusted dollars).

		Angler Trips (thousands)			Community Income Impacts (thousands of dollars)[a/]			Percent Change in Income Impacts	
Management Area	Alternative	Estimates Based on the Options	2025 Actual	2020-2024 Avg.	Estimates Based on the Options	2025 Actual	2020-2024 Avg.	Compared to 2025	Compared to 2020-2024 Avg.
North of Cape Falcon[b/]	I	92.4	90.1	67.4	25,502.7	24,893	21,318	+2%	+20%
	II	85.6			23,635.1			-5%	+11%
	III	65.9			18,209.5			-27%	-15%
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.	I	74.1	72.8	64.9	13,786.1	13,533	12,693	+2%	+9%
	II	71.6			13,306.8			-2%	+5%
	III	68.8			12,786.1			-6%	+1%
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border	I	5.2	2.5	3.8	837.5	399	593	+110%	+41%
	II	5.2			837.5			+110%	+41%
	III	3.7			590.6			+48%	-0%
OR/CA Border to 40º10' N. Lat.	I	4.2	0.9	2.5	761.7	162	463	+370%	+64%
	II	5.3			960.2			+492%	+107%
	III	4.2			762.8			+371%	+65%
40º10' N. Lat. to Pt. Arena	I	4.8	1.1	4.0	1,145.1	245	914	+366%	+25%
	II	5.7			1,367.7			+457%	+50%
	III	5.2			1,254.3			+411%	+37%
Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt.	I	37.7	15.7	30.8	13,934.8	5,398	11,762	+158%	+18%
	II	36.3			13,448.8			+149%	+14%
	III	36.8			13,605.6			+152%	+16%
South of Pigeon Pt.	I	30.1	5.7	12.1	6,425.5	1,269	2,635	+406%	+144%
	II	29.2			6,227.5			+391%	+136%
	III	28.5			6,065.9			+378%	+130%
Total South of Cape Falcon	I	156.1	98.7	118.2	36,891	21,006	29,060	+76%	+27%
	II	153.3			36,148			+72%	+24%
	III	147.1			35,065			+67%	+21%
West Coast Total	I	248.5	188.8	185.6	62,393	45,899	50,378	+36%	+24%
	II	238.9			59,784			+30%	+19%
	III	213.0			53,275			+16%	+6%

a/ Income impacts are not comparable to the exvessel values shown in Table 10. All dollar values are expressed in inflation-adjusted 2025 dollars. Projections are based on expected effort (angler trips) in the Council management area and estimated 2025 (or 2022 in cases where there was relatively little or no fishing in 2025, 2024 or 2023) income impacts per angler trip.

b/ Does not include Buoy 10 fishery.

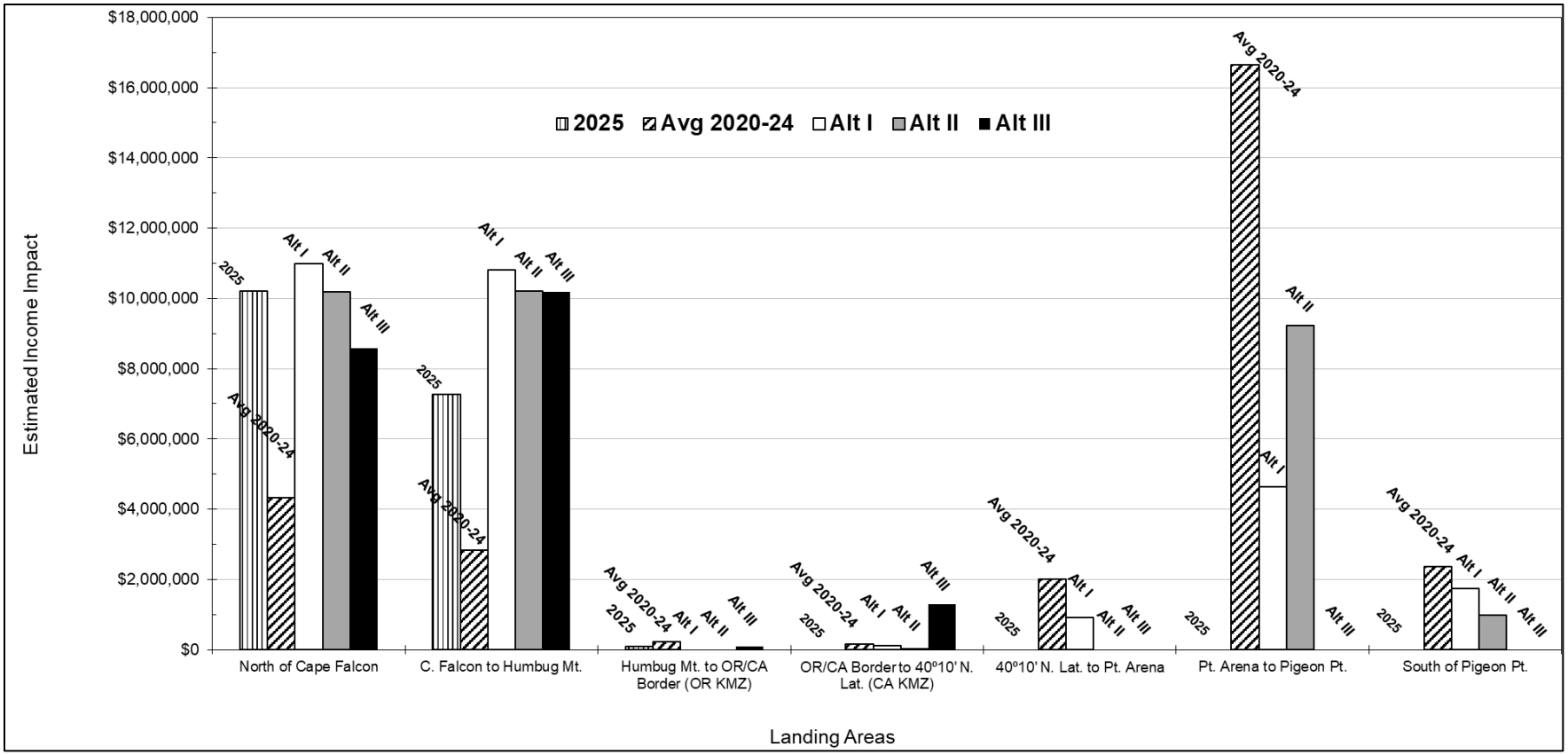

FIGURE 1. Projected community income impacts associated with landings projected under the Council adopted 2026 Pacific Ocean **commercial** troll salmon fishery Alternatives compared to 2025 and the 2020-2024 average (in inflation-adjusted dollars).

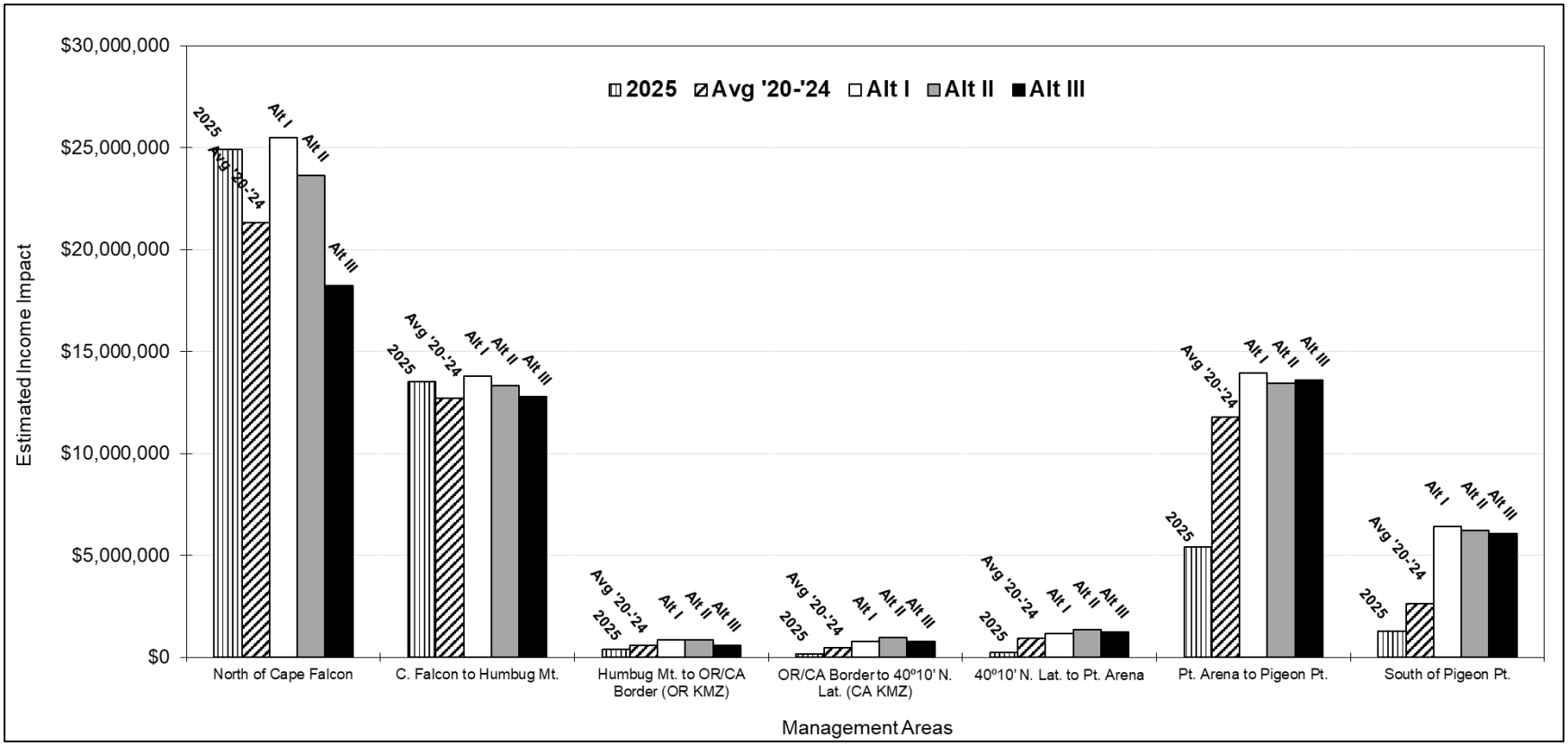

FIGURE 2. Projected personal income impacts by port area region associated with the 2026 Pacific Ocean **recreational** salmon fishery under Council-adopted Alternatives compared to estimated 2025 and the 2020-2024 average (in inflation-adjusted dollars).

APPENDIX A: PROJECTED IMPACTS FOR AGE-3 SACRAMENTO RIVER WINTER CHINOOK, ADULT KLAMATH RIVER FALL CHINOOK, AGE-4 KLAMATH RIVER FALL CHINOOK AND ADULT SACRAMENTO RIVER FALL CHINOOK.

Table A-1. Sacramento River winter run Chinook age-3 ocean impact rate south of Pt. Arena by fishery and Alternative. The age-3 SRWC impact rate was projected for each of the proposed 2026 fishing season Alternatives. The impacts are displayed as a percent for each Alternative by fishery, port area, and month. Max rate: 20%.

Commercial

Alternative I

Port Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF				0.10	0.06				0.16
MO	0.21	0.95	0.52	0.22					1.90
Total	0.21	0.95	0.52	0.32	0.06				2.05

Alternative II

Port Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF	0.06	0.13		0.26	0.14				0.59
MO	0.16	0.38		0.37					0.91
Total	0.22	0.51		0.63	0.14				1.50

Alternative III

Port Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF									0.00
MO									0.00
Total									0.00

Recreational

Alternative I

Port Area	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF			0.57	1.51	0.68	0.12	0.18			3.06
MO	0.99	0.75	1.04	2.29	1.09	0.09				6.24
Total	0.99	0.75	1.61	3.80	1.77	0.20	0.18			9.30

Alternative II

Port Area	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF		0.36	0.93	0.40	0.93	0.12	0.09			2.82
MO	0.99	0.75	1.04	2.28	0.82	0.04				5.91
Total	0.99	1.11	1.97	2.68	1.75	0.16	0.09			8.74

Alternative III

Port Area	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year Total
SF			0.21	1.99	0.67	0.12				2.98
MO	0.99	1.61	1.67	2.95	0.63					7.86
Total	0.99	1.61	1.88	4.94	1.31	0.12				10.84

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 fishery and Alternative

Commercial

Alternative I

30,143 natural area spawners, 25.0% spawner reduction rate, 7.2% age-4 ocean harvest rate

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		4	3	93	238	185	523	523
CO	0	0		22	9	83	250	10	374	374
KO				0						
KC										
FB								969	969	969
SF								283	283	283
MO					157	232	77	23	489	489
Total	0	0		26	169	408	565	1,470	2,638	2,638

Alternative II

30,143 natural area spawners, 25.0% spawner reduction rate, 7.9% age-4 ocean harvest rate

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		4	3	74	171	322	574	574
CO	0	0		22	9	155	180	17	383	383
KO				0						
KC										
FB										
SF					118	555		748	1,421	1,421
MO					124	93		36	253	253
Total	0	0		26	254	877	351	1,123	2,631	2,631

Alternative III

30,144 natural area spawners, 25.0% spawner reduction rate, 8.2% age-4 ocean harvest rate

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		4	3	60	347		414	414
CO	0	0		22	9	205			236	236
KO				0	43	50			93	93
KC					762	443	334	603	2,142	2,142
FB										
SF										
MO										
Total	0	0		26	817	758	681	603	2,885	2,885

Recreational

Alternative I

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0			0	11	0	0	21	115	147	147
CO	0			0	0	0	3	6	160	169	169
KO				0	0	8	79	8	58	153	153
KC							106	139	31	276	276
FB							18	75	23	116	116
SF	0						129	376	100	605	605
MO	0				14	4	0	0	0	18	18
Total	0			0	25	12	335	625	487	1,484	1,484

Alternative II

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0			0	11	0	0	21	93	125	125
CO	0			0	0	0	2	6	143	151	151
KO				0	0	8	79	8	57	152	152
KC							173	138	41	352	352
FB							30	74	31	135	135
SF	0					38	211	98	135	482	482
MO	0				14	4	0	0	0	18	18
Total	0			0	25	50	495	345	500	1,415	1,415

Alternative III

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0			0	11	0	0	21	92	124	124
CO	0			0	0	0	2	6	142	150	150
KO				0	0	4	29	8	42	83	83
KC							38	181	30	249	249
FB							7	97	23	127	127
SF	0						47	492	99	638	638
MO	0				14	4	0	0	0	18	18
Total	0			0	25	8	123	805	428	1,389	1,389

Table A-3. Klamath River fall Chinook age-4 ocean harvest by fishery and Alternative. In 2026, a harvest of 1,576 age-4 KRFC results in an 8.6% ocean harvest rate.

Commercial

Alternative I

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		3	2	19	136	59	219	219
CO	0	0		19	8	59	131	7	224	224
KO				0						
KC										
FB								288	288	288
SF								70	70	70
MO					117	104	71	21	313	313
Total	0	0		22	127	182	338	445	1,114	1,114
										6.1%

Alternative II

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		3	2	15	97	101	218	218
CO	0	0		19	8	110	93	12	242	242
KO				0						
KC										
FB										
SF					90	365		183	638	638
MO					93	42		33	168	168
Total	0	0		22	193	532	190	329	1,266	1,266
										6.9%

Alternative III

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		3	2	12	197		214	214
CO	0	0		19	8	145			172	172
KO				0	28	44			72	72
KC					320	205	177	159	861	861
FB										
SF										
MO										
Total	0	0		22	358	406	374	159	1,319	1,319
										7.2%

Recreational

Alternative I

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0			0	2	0	0	3	15	20	20
CO	0			0	0	0	0	1	21	22	22
KO				0	0	1	11	1	8	21	21
KC							14	18	7	39	39
FB							2	10	3	15	15
SF	0						17	48	13	78	78
MO	0				2	1				3	3
Total	0			0	4	2	44	81	67	198	198
											1.1%

Alternative II

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0			0	2	0	0	3	12	17	17
CO	0			0	0	0	0	1	18	19	19
KO				0	0	1	11	1	8	21	21
KC							22	17	10	49	49
FB							4	9	4	17	17
SF	0					5	27	12	17	61	61
MO	0				2	1	0	0	0	3	3
Total	0			0	4	7	64	43	69	187	187
											1.0%

Alternative III

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0			0	2	0	0	3	11	16	16
CO	0			0	0	0	0	1	18	19	19
KO						1	4	1	6	12	12
KC							5	23	7	35	35
FB							1	12	3	16	16
SF	0						6	61	12	79	79
MO	0				2	1	0	0	0	3	3
Total	0			0	4	2	16	101	57	180	180
											1.0%

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

Commercial

Alternative I

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		1,792	2,167	3,619	2,859	587	11,024	11,024
CO	108	9		1,080	1,313	522	349	45	3,309	3,426
KO				0						
KC										
FB								5,720	5,720	5,720
SF								4,146	4,146	4,146
MO					17,362	11,231	3,970	389	32,952	32,952
Total	108	9		2,872	20,842	15,372	7,178	10,887	57,151	57,268

Alternative II

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		1,792	2,167	2,878	2,096	1,027	9,960	9,960
CO	108	9		1,080	1,313	979	256	79	3,707	3,824
KO				0						
KC										
FB										
SF					8,663	9,421		10,994	29,078	29,078
MO					13,731	4,521		628	18,880	18,880
Total	108	9		2,872	25,874	17,799	2,352	12,728	61,625	61,742

Alternative III

Port	Fall 2025		Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	0	0		1,792	2,167	2,349	4,256		10,564	10,564
CO	108	9		1,080	1,313	1,305			3,698	3,815
KO				0	127	494			621	621
KC					842	697	1,166	650	3,355	3,355
FB										
SF										
MO										
Total	108	9		2,872	4,449	4,845	5,422	650	18,238	18,355

Recreational

Alternative I

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	49			5	0	11	145	366	227	754	803
CO	83			0	12	5	74	213	108	412	495
KO				0	0	35	144	227	101	507	507
KC							300	599	469	1,368	1,368
FB							154	1,344	739	2,237	2,237
SF	7,538						3,942	11,022	6,686	21,650	29,188
MO	611				6,737	2,655	2,785	3,245	691	16,113	16,724
Total	8,281			5	6,749	2,706	7,544	17,016	9,021	43,041	51,322

Alternative II

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	49			5	0	11	108	366	183	673	722
CO	83			0	12	5	56	213	97	383	466
KO				0	0	35	144	227	101	507	507
KC							490	599	632	1,721	1,721
FB							252	1,344	997	2,593	2,593
SF	7,538					2,721	6,451	2,900	9,012	21,084	28,622
MO	611				6,737	2,655	2,785	3,245	512	15,934	16,545
Total	8,281			5	6,749	5,427	10,286	8,894	11,534	42,895	51,176

Alternative III

Port	Fall 2025			Summer 2026						Summer	Year
Area	Sep	Oct	Nov-Dec	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Total
NO	49			5	0	11	72	366	183	637	686
CO	83			0	12	5	39	213	97	366	449
KO				0	0	17	53	227	75	372	372
KC							109	788	469	1,366	1,366
FB							56	1,769	739	2,564	2,564
SF	7,538						1,434	14,502	6,686	22,622	30,160
MO	611				6,737	2,655	2,785	3,245	357	15,779	16,390
Total	8,281			5	6,749	2,688	4,548	21,110	8,606	43,706	51,987

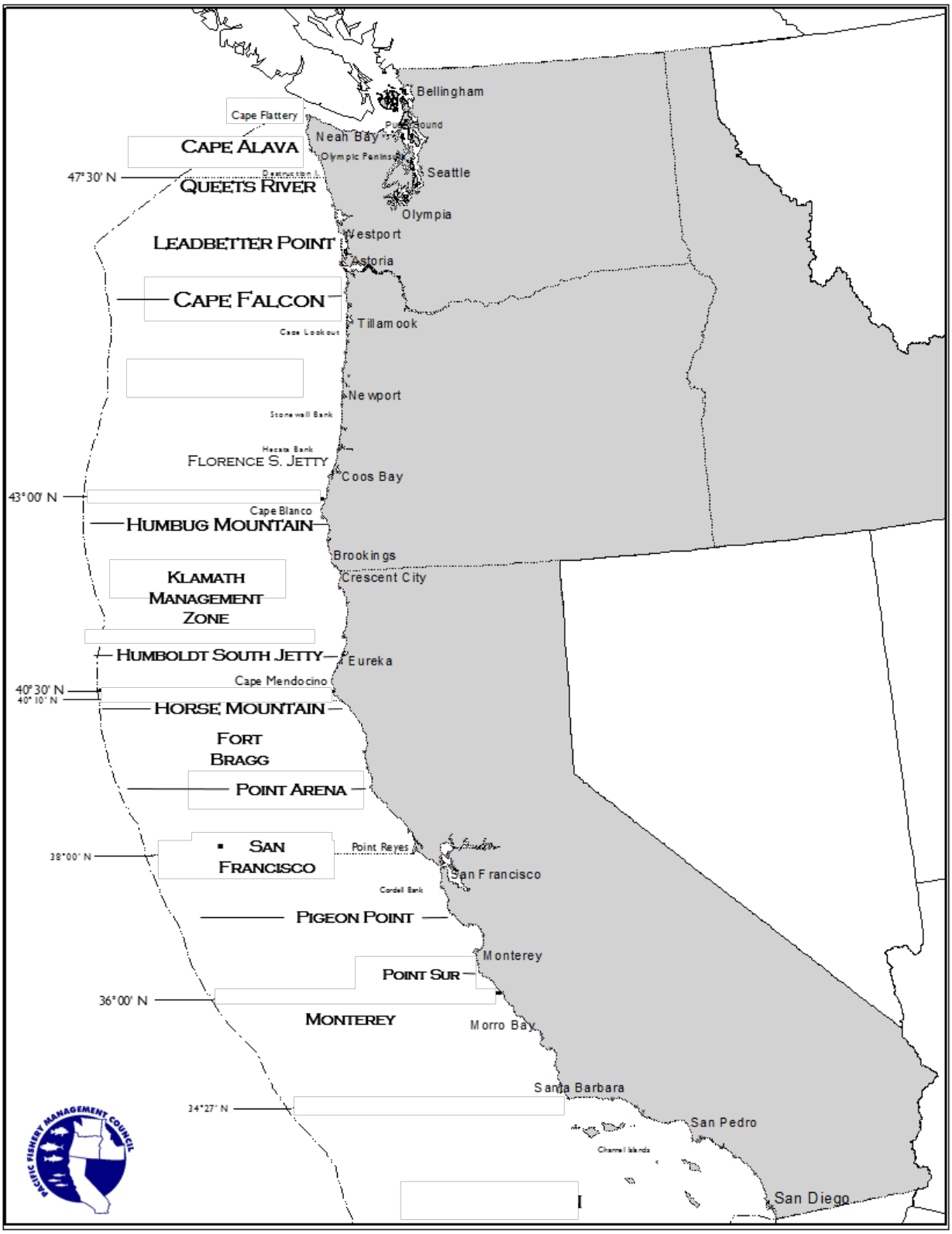

FIGURE 3. Map of Pacific West Coast with major salmon ports and management boundaries. This map is for reference only and is not intended for use in navigation or fishery regulation.