

C.4 2026 Management Alternative Analysis Recommendations

Council Tasks:

- 1. Provide clarification to the STT on any questions, as needed.**
- 2. Provide direction on management alternative development and STT analysis, as needed.**
- 3. Confirm management alternatives for STT analysis.**

WDFW Salmon Management Guidance:

Agenda Item C.4.a., Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 7, 2026

Implement the following changes:

TABLE 1

WDFW Commercial Management Alternatives – Page 2

U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (spring season)

- In Alternative I language on May 2027 fishery, strike the phrase “except as described below for vessels fishing or in possession of salmon north of Leadbetter Point”

TABLE 2

WDFW Recreational Management Alternatives – Page 16

Cape Alava to Queets River (La Push Subarea)

- Alternative I – Adjust dates to June 20 through September 30 and remove September 30 – October 3 fishery
- Alternative II – Remove October 7-10 fishery

ODFW Salmon Management Guidance:

Agenda Item C.4.a., Supplemental STT Report 1, dated March 7, 2026

Implement the following changes:

TABLE 1

ODFW Commercial Management Alternatives – beginning on page 5

Alternative 1

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain

- **Remove** May 16-August 29
- **Add** the following open period:
 - **July 15-August 7**
- **Replace** the non-mark-selective coho quota from 8,000 to **7,500**

Add new catch area: **Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line** and the following open period:

- **May 16-June 30**
- **Add** “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).”
- **Add** “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).”

Add new catch area: **Heceta Bank Line – Humbug Mountain** and the following open periods:

- **May 16-31;**
- **June 16-June 30**
- **Add** same boiler plate language as above

Humbug Mountain to OR/CA Border

- **Replace** “April 14-May 15” with the following open period:
 - **April 14-30**
- **Replace** May 16-June 30 with the following open period:
 - **May 21-June 15**

Alternative 2

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain

- **Remove** “May 16-August 7”

Add new catch area: **Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line** and the following open period:

- **May 16-July 15**
- **Add** same boiler plate language as above

Add new catch area: **Heceta Bank Line – Humbug Mountain** and the following open periods:

- **May 16-31;**
- **June 16-30;**
- **July 20-August 7**
- **Add** same boiler plate language as above

Humbug Mountain to OR/CA Border

- **Replace** April 14-May 15 with the following open period:
 - **April 14-30**
- **Remove** May 16-May 29
- **Remove** “or the earlier of 600 Chinook quota”

- **Remove** the regulatory paragraph beginning with “Oregon State regulations require all fishers landing Chinook salmon into Oregon during the June fishery...”

Alternative 3

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain

- **Remove** May 16-July 31

Add new catch area: **Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line** and the following open period:

- **May 16-July 15**
- **Add** same boiler plate language as above

Add new catch area: **Heceta Bank Line – Humbug Mountain** and the following open periods:

- **May 16-31;**
- **June 16-30**
- **Add** same boiler plate language as above

TABLE 2

ODFW Recreational Management Alternatives – beginning on page 19

Alternative 1

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain

- For the non-mark-selective coho fishery, **replace** 30,000 non-mark selective coho quota with **29,000** non-mark selective coho quota.

CDFW Salmon Management Guidance:

Agenda Item C.4.a. Supplemental STT report 1, dated March 7, 2026

Implement the following Changes

TABLE 1

CDFW Commercial Management Alternatives – beginning on page 7

Alternatives 1, 2, and 3:

- Strike “Open five days per week (Fri.-Tue.).”
- Replace “landing week” with “open period”

OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty (California KMZ)

Alternative 3:

- Strike 2,000 Chinook quota
- Replace with 2,250 for each of the May, June, July and August openers

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

Alternative 1:

- Strike July 1-5, July 12-17, August 21-25

Alternative 3:

- Strike all open days and regulatory language
- Replace with Closed.

Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt. (San Francisco)

Alternative 1:

- Strike July 12-17, August 21-25

Alternative 2:

- Strike May 23-28, June 13-18, June 23-28, July 1-7, July 13-18, July 23-28, August 23-28
- Strike Point Reyes to Point San Pedro
- Replace with Point Reyes to Pigeon Point

Alternative 3:

- Strike all open days and regulatory language
- Replace with Closed.

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

Alternative 1:

- Strike June 12-17
- Replace with June 12-16
- Strike July 12-17, August 21-25

Alternative 2:

- Strike May 23-28, June 23-28, July 1-7, July 13-18, July 23-28, August 23-28

Alternative 3:

- Strike all open days and regulatory language
- Replace with Closed.

TABLE 2

CDFW Recreational Management Alternatives– beginning on page 21

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

Alternative 1:

- Strike May 16 – August 31
- Replace with June 20 – July 26 and August 1-23
- Strike September 1 – October 31

Alternative 2:

- Strike May 16 – August 23
- Replace with June 20 – July 26 and August 1-23
- Strike September 1 – October 31

Alternative 3:

- Strike May 16 – August 16
- Replace with June 27 – August 23
- Strike September 1 – October 31

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

Alternative 1:

- Strike May 16 – August 31
- Replace with June 20 – July 26 and August 1-23
- Strike September 1 – October 31

Alternative 2:

- Strike May 16 – August 23
- Replace with June 20 – July 26 and August 1-23
- Strike September 1 – October 31

Alternative 3:

- Strike May 16 – August 16

- Replace with June 27 – August 23
- Strike September 1 – October 31

Point Arena to Pigeon Point (San Francisco)

Alternative 1:

- Strike May 16 – August 31
- Replace with June 20 – July 26 and August 1-23
- For the September 1 – October 31 dates, add “Point Reyes to Pigeon Point”

Alternative 2:

- Strike May 16 – August 23
- Replace with May 2 – July 5 and August 1-23
- Strike September 1 – October 31
- Replace with September 1 – October 15

Alternative 3:

- Strike May 16 – August 16

- Replace with June 27 – August 23
- Strike September 1 – October 31
- Replace with September 1-30

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

Alternative 1:

- Strike May 16 – August 31
- Replace with May 16-31
- Replace “Chinook minimum size limit with 20 inches” with “Chinook minimum size limit with 24 inches”

Alternative 2:

- Strike May 16 – August 23
- Replace with May 16 – June 14
- Replace “Chinook minimum size limit with 20 inches” with “Chinook minimum size limit with 24 inches”

Alternative 3:

- Strike May 16 – August 16
- Replace with May 16 – June 14