

2026 Ocean Salmon Industry Group Preseason Planning Meeting

for

Ocean Recreational and Commercial Troll Salmon Fisheries off Oregon

BRIEFING DOCUMENTS:

- 2026 Management Process Schedule
- 2025 Season Summary
- 2025 Escapement Estimates
- 2026 Stock Abundance Forecasts
- 2026 Guidance

All data in this packet should be considered
preliminary and are subject to change

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/salmon/

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Newport, Oregon
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 - Marine Resources Program website: www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/ (ODFW ocean salmon page is linked from here)
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- Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC):
 - Main website: www.pcouncil.org
 - Salmon website: https://www.pcouncil.org/managed_fishery/salmon/
- NOAA Fisheries:
 - SW Region: Pacific Highly Migratory Species Permit website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/pacific-highly-migratory-species-permits>
 - Pacific Halibut permits: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/pacific-halibut-permits>
 - Salmon Fisheries Hotline: (800) 662-9825
 - Salmon Fisheries webpage: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/sustainable-fisheries/salmon-and-steelhead-fisheries-west-coast>



Today's Agenda 1

- 09:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Logistics for Participation in the Virtual Meeting, Salmon 2026 Season Setting Process & Calendar—
John North, Fish Division, ODFW
- 09:10 Review of 2025 Ocean Fisheries—
Justine Kenyon-Benson, Ocean Sampling Project Leader, ODFW
- 09:30 Review of 2025 Salmon Spawner Escapements and 2026 Coho and Chinook Abundance Forecasts—
Cassie Leeman, Salmon Technical Team, ODFW
- 09:50 Guidelines, and Issues Affecting 2026 Salmon Season Structure—
Anthony Siniscal, NOAA Fisheries
- 10:20 Break (opportunity to consider options for 2026)



Today's Agenda 2

- 10:20 Break (opportunity to consider options for 2026)
- 10:40 Forum to Develop Oregon Preferred Season Options (advice to ODFW staff and Oregon representatives on the PFMC)
- Recreational Ocean Salmon Fishery Preferred Options
 - North of Cape Falcon
 - Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain
 - Humbug Mountain to Oregon/California Border
 - Commercial Troll Salmon Fishery Preferred Options
 - North of Cape Falcon
 - Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain
 - Humbug Mountain to Oregon/California Border
- 12:20 Disaster Relief Update
- 12:30 Adjourn



Acronyms

NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
OFWC	Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
STT	Salmon Technical Team
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

2026 Oregon Ocean Salmon Regulation Process



To view more information about Oregon ocean salmon management visit:

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/salmon/index.asp>

Feb

ODFW

Feb 27 – Ocean salmon pre-season planning hybrid online & in-person meeting in Newport to review 2025 seasons, review 2026 forecasts, and discuss preferred 2026 commercial and recreational ocean salmon season structure



PFMC STT meets to complete Preseason Report I, which provides abundance forecast estimates for key stocks and other information used in developing 2026 ocean salmon regulations.

Mar

WDFW

- March 18 – North of Falcon No. 1 Public Meeting (Olympia, WA and Virtual)
- March 31 – North of Falcon No. 2 Public Meeting (Lynwood, WA and Virtual)



PFMC

- Preseason Report I available
- March 4-9 meeting (Sacramento, CA). In-season action for fisheries prior to May 16 and development of three alternatives for 2026 seasons after May 16.
- Preseason Report II with proposed alternatives available late March.
- March 24 PFMC Oregon Public Hearing, hybrid meeting (Newport and virtual)



Apr

OR Fish & Wildlife Commission

April 24 (Lincoln City) – OFWC adopts regulations for the Oregon ocean sport and commercial troll salmon fisheries



PFMC

April 7-12 meeting (Portland, OR). In-season action for fisheries prior to May 16, and adoption of final management measures recommended to NMFS

NMFS

May 16 – Final notice of US Secretary of Commerce decision. Final management measures published in the Federal Register



Summary of 2025 Oregon Ocean Salmon Seasons Including: Regulations, Effort, and Landings

(2025 data are preliminary)



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North of Cape Falcon commercial troll salmon landing reports during quota seasons

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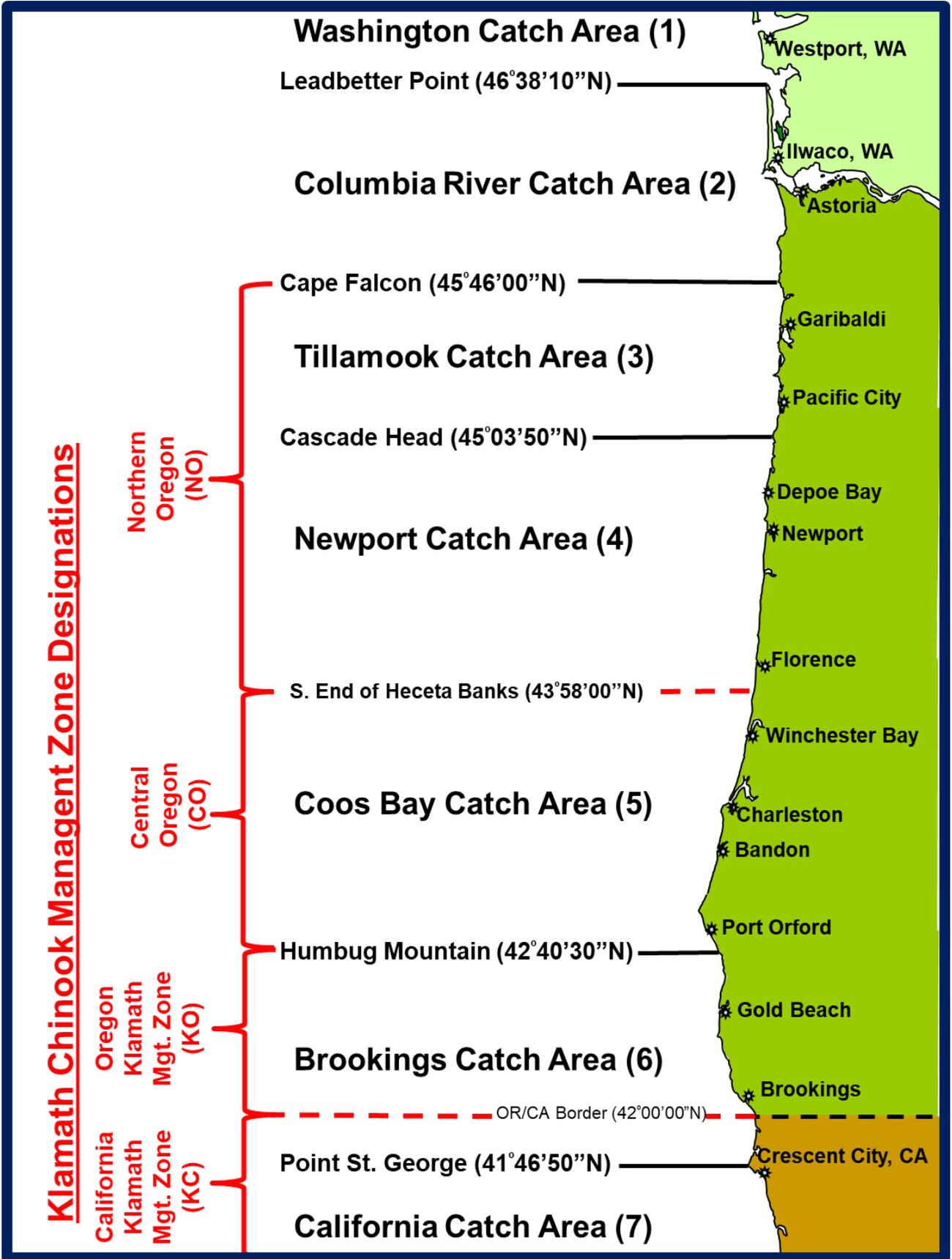
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South of Humbug Mountain commercial troll salmon landing reports during quota seasons

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Oregon's Ocean Salmon Management Areas, Major Ports of Landing, and Klamath Management Zone Designations (red text)

Ocean Salmon Effort and Landing Estimates for 2025 with Comparison to 2024, 2023, and 2015-2024 Average.

Recreational Ocean Salmon Fisheries

Catch Area	Effort (Angler Trips)					Chinook (Number of Fish)					Coho (Number of Fish)	
	2025	2024	2023	2015-24 avg.	2025	2024	2023	2015-24 avg.	2025	2024	2023	2015-24 avg.
Columbia River	14,143	12,715	16,067	10,592	2,736	2,473	4,543	2,007	19,557	17,369	12,262	11,069
Tillamook	17,995	16,806	15,792	15,293	949	952	811	1,394	13,093	13,062	10,142	7,970
Newport	32,137	26,964	30,772	24,768	920	1,092	346	1,340	23,565	25,182	32,394	20,660
Coos Bay	22,675	17,258	13,381	15,880	790	1,013	571	1,075	16,461	13,425	7,995	7,526
Brookings	2,505	3,626	348	4,576	294	167	-	745	405	840	24	333
Oregon Total	89,455	77,369	76,360	71,109	5,689	5,697	6,271	6,561	73,081	69,878	62,817	47,558

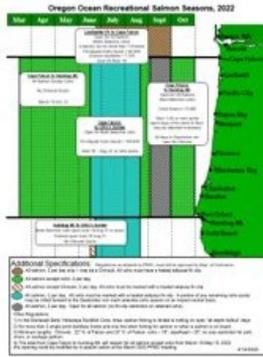
Commercial Ocean Troll Salmon Fisheries

Catch Area	Effort (Boat Days)					Chinook (Number of Fish)					Coho (Number of Fish)	
	2025	2024	2023	2015-24 avg.	2025	2024	2023	2015-24 avg.	2025	2024	2023	2015-24 avg.
Columbia River	308	191	144	227	4,049	2,174	1,630	2,258	2,519	1,450	989	863
Tillamook	178	126	83	267	1,063	204	87	2,034	1,445	721	673	173
Newport	1,760	1,114	127	1,440	21,672	12,000	82	17,685	653	504	2,248	663
Coos Bay	232	413	231	794	1,497	3,675	1,292	3,217	1,228	128	333	49
Brookings	-	3	-	187	-	7	-	949	-	-	-	-
Oregon Total	2,478	1,847	585	2,915	28,281	18,060	3,091	26,143	5,845	2,803	4,243	1,748

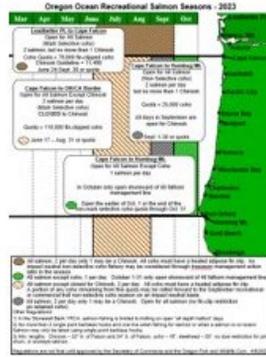


Recreational Season Structure 2022-2025

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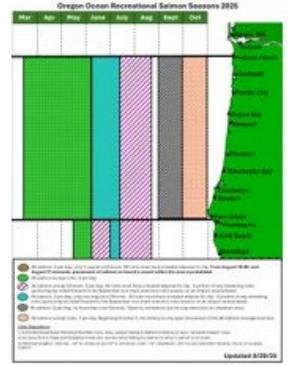
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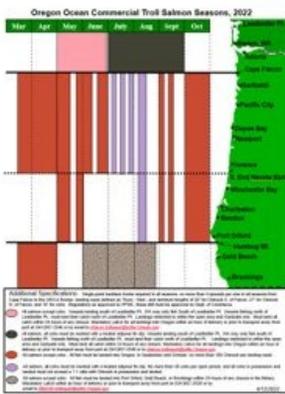


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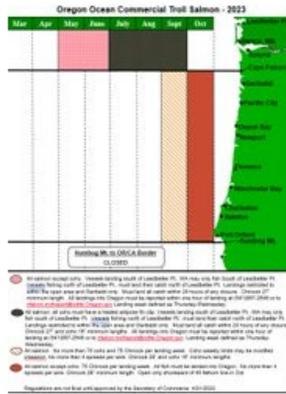


Troll Season Structure 2022-2025

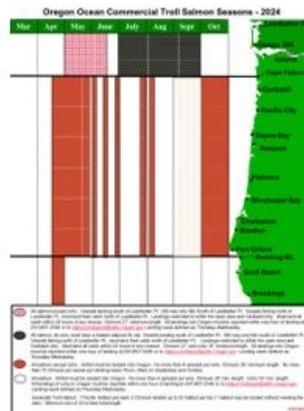
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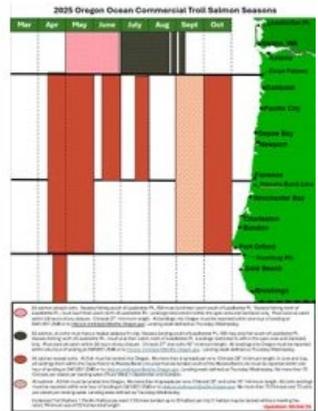
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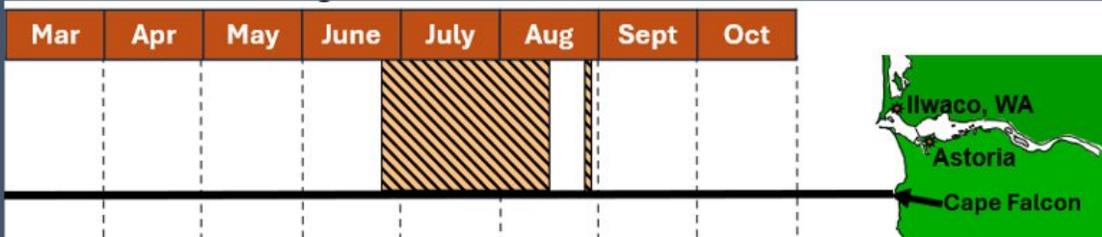
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2025



Oregon Ocean Recreational Salmon Seasons, 2025: North of Cape Falcon



Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon: Seasons

Open for all salmon
(Mark Selective Coho)

Two salmon per day, but no more than one Chinook
Coho Quota = 49,860 fin-clipped coho
Chinook Guideline = 16,600

June 25 – **August 18, and August 30** Sept. 30:



Harvest

Chinook: WA=4,677; OR=2,714; Total=7,391
Coho (mark selective): WA=24,379; OR=14,077; Total=47,810

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Oregon Ocean Recreational Salmon Seasons, 2025: Cape Falcon – Humbug Mountain



All salmon except coho
Two salmon per day

Open for All Salmon
(Mark Selective coho)

Quota = 44,000 fin-clipped coho
(Falcon to OR/CA border total quota)



June 7 – July 15. 18

2 salmon per day but no more than one Chinook



June 16 – August 24

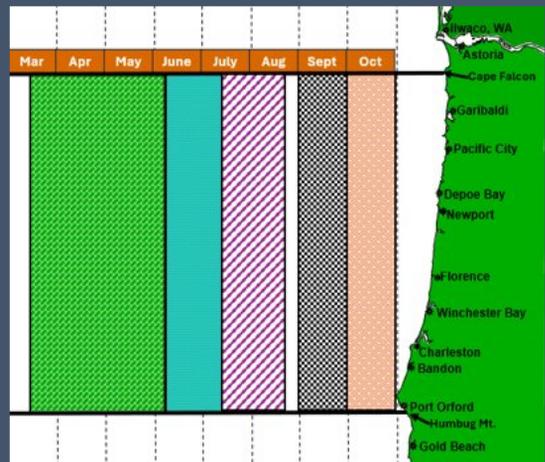
2 salmon per day but closed to Chinook retention



Open for All Salmon
2 salmon per day
(Non-Mark Selective coho)

Quota = **33,930** ~~30,000~~ coho

Sept. 1 – 30 or quota



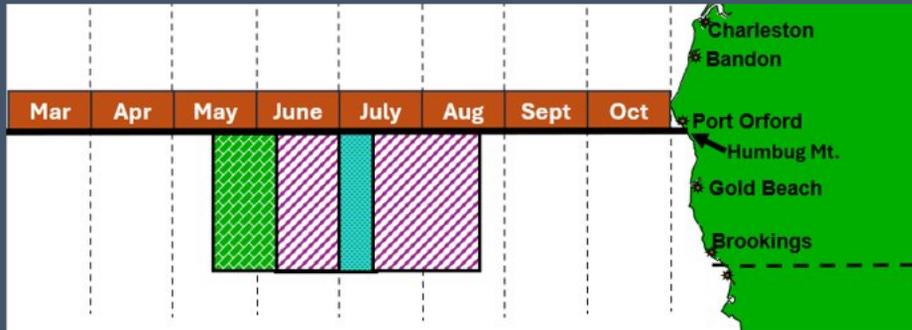
All salmon except coho
One salmon per day
Oct. 1 (or Non-Mark-Selective coho quota) through
Oct. 31. Beginning October 1 only open shoreward
of the 40-fathom management line.

Harvest

Chinook: 2,681
Coho (mark selective): 33,844
Coho (non-select): 19,317

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Oregon Ocean Recreational Salmon Seasons, 2025: Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border



Open for All Salmon Except Coho
 2 salmon per day
 May 1 – August 31
 No Chinook quota



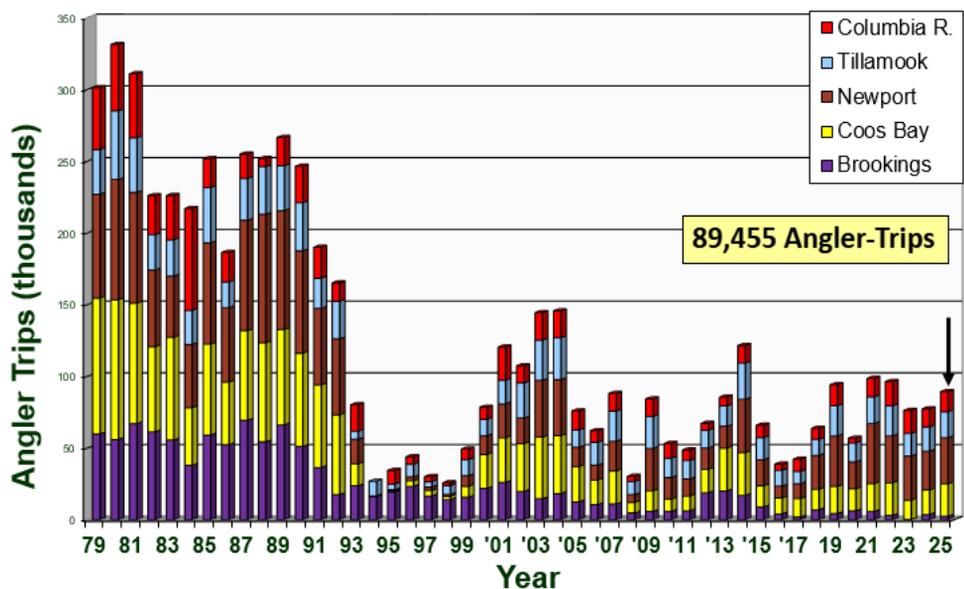
Harvest:
 Chinook: 294
 Coho (mark selective): 405

Open for All Salmon
 (Mark Selective coho)
 Quota = 44,000 fin-clipped coho
 (Falcon to OR/CA border total quota)

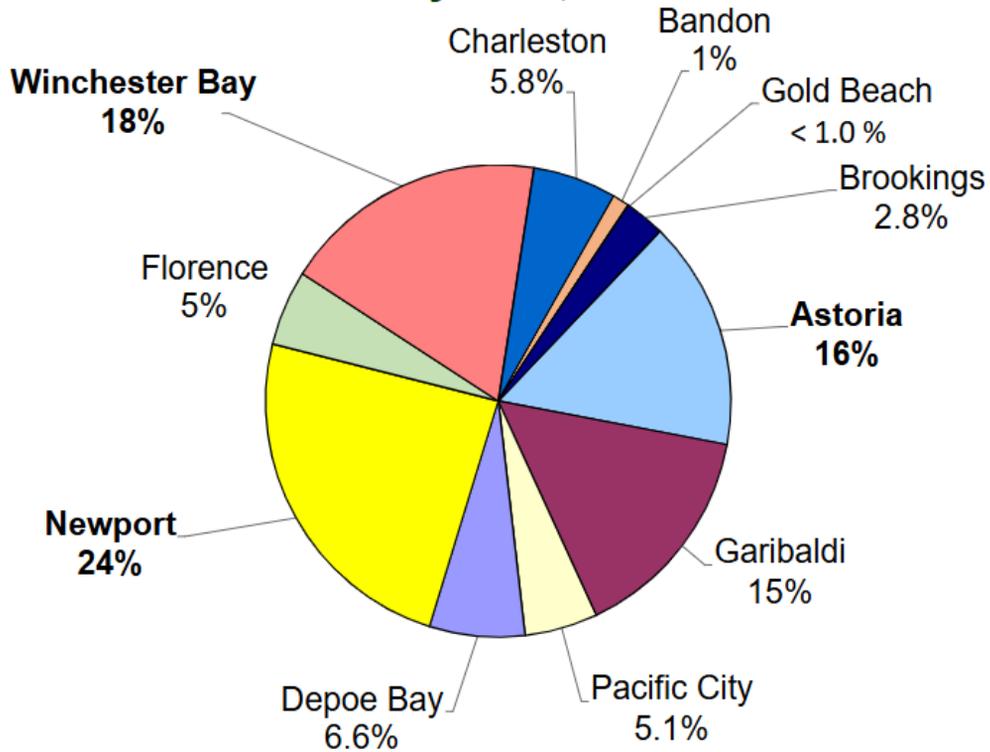
● June 30 – July 15
 2 salmon per day but no more than one Chinook

◌ June 7 – June 29 and July 16 - August 24
 2 salmon per day but closed to Chinook retention

Oregon Ocean Recreational Salmon Angling Effort by Area

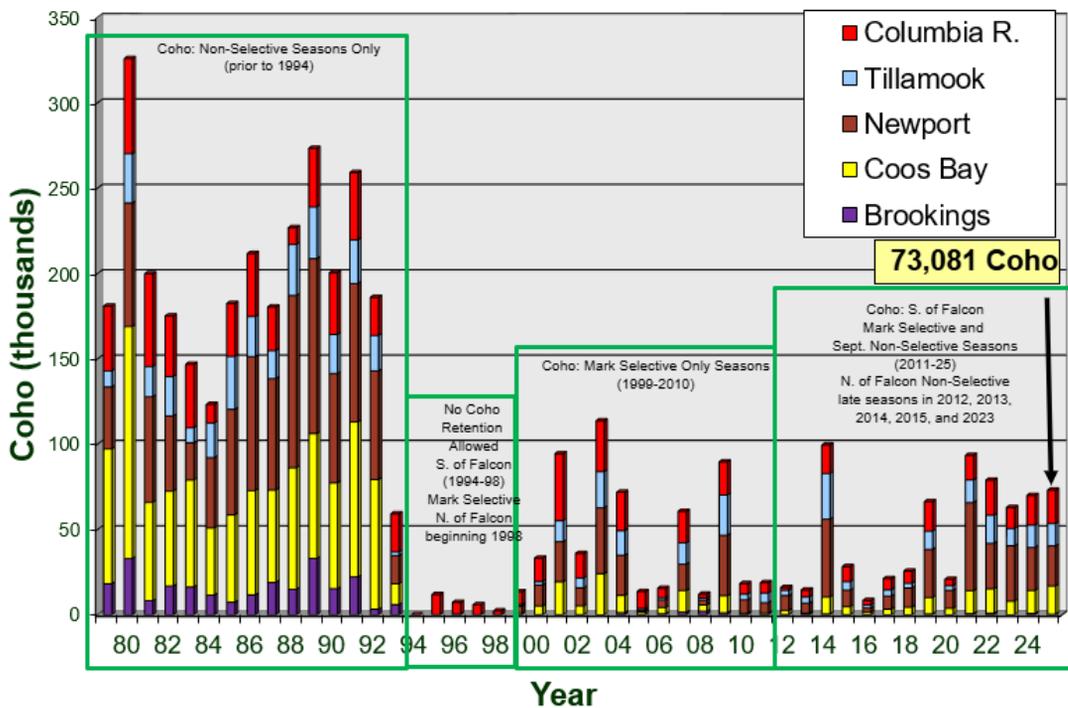


Ocean Recreational Salmon Angling Effort by Port, 2025



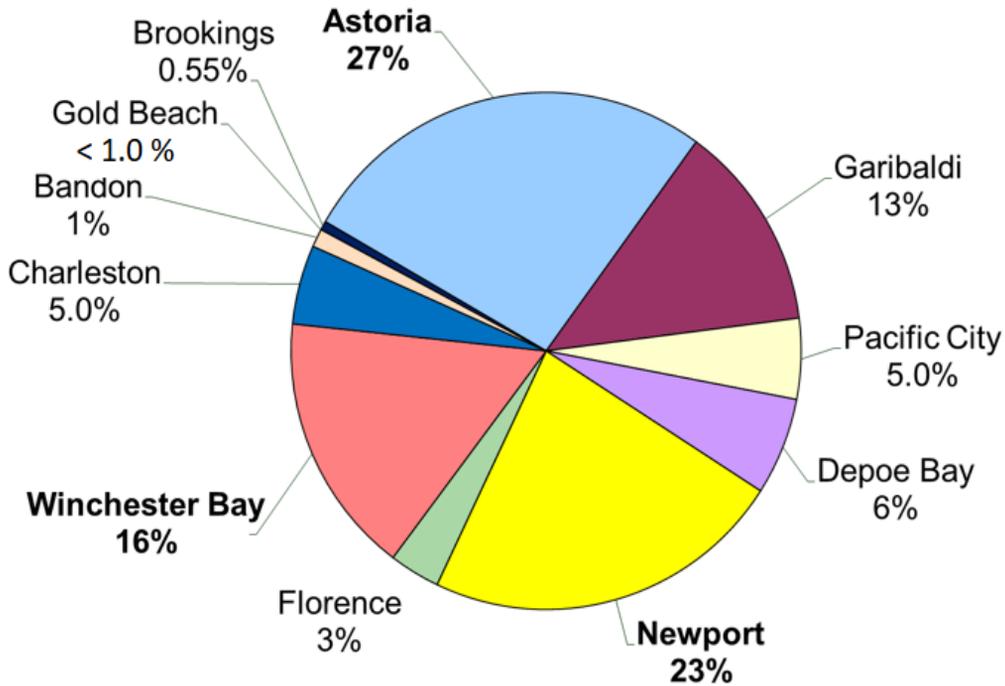
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Ocean Recreational Coho Salmon Landings by Area



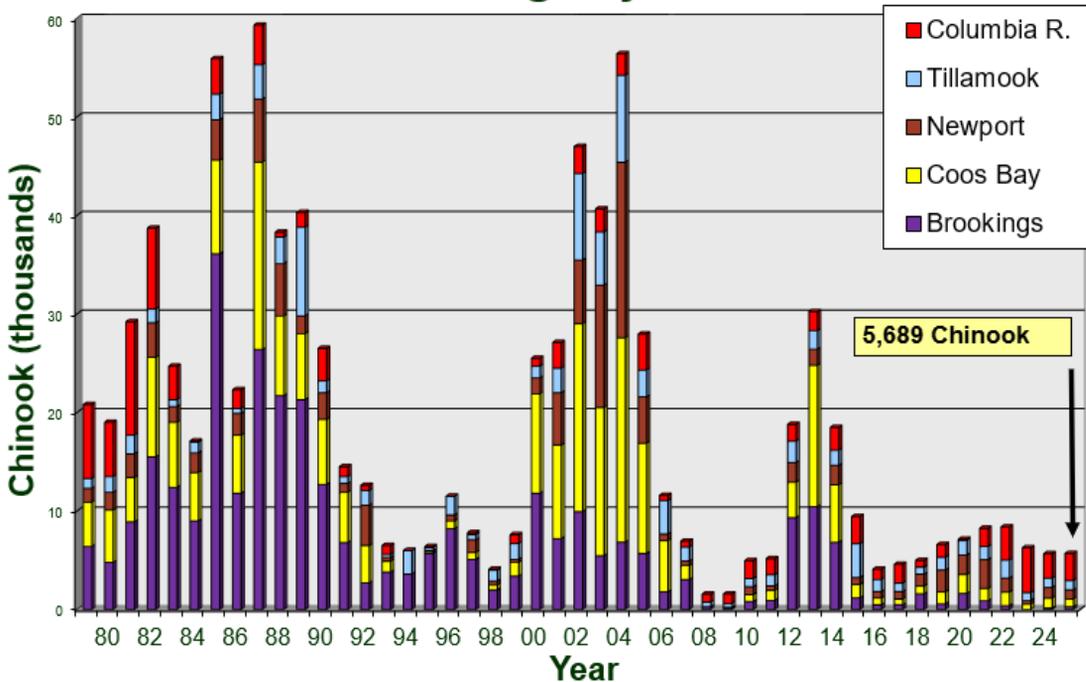
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Ocean Recreational Coho Salmon Landings by Port, 2025



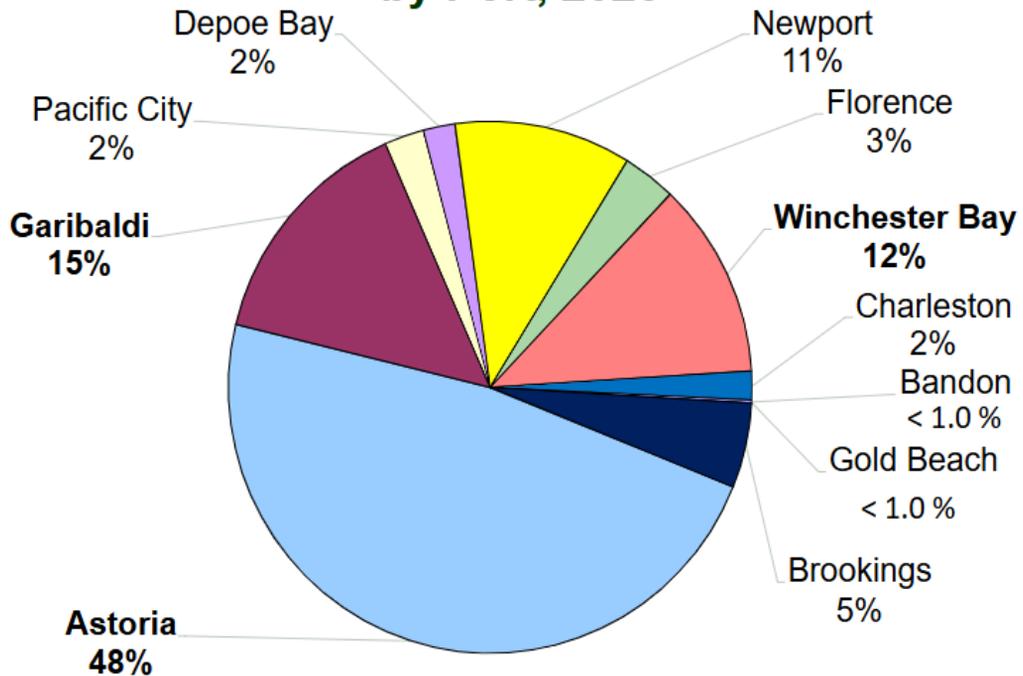
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Ocean Recreational Chinook Salmon Landings by Area



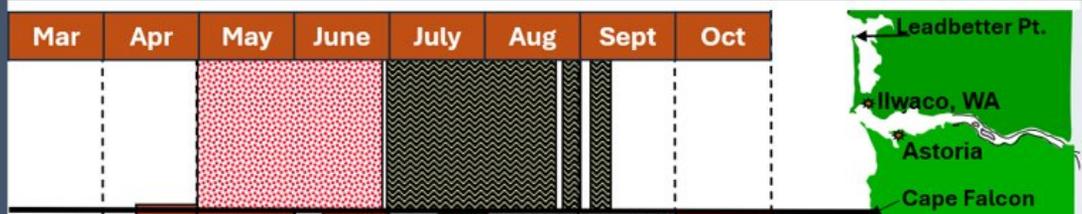
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Ocean Recreational Chinook Salmon Landings by Port, 2025



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Oregon Ocean Commercial Troll Salmon Seasons, 2025: North of Cape Falcon



All Salmon Except Coho
 May 1 – June 18, 23-29;
 Chinook Quota = 36,800
 (Leadbetter to Falcon sub-area: 6,000 Chinook Cap)

60 Chin. per vessel (May 1-14),
 60 ~~80~~ Chin. per vessel (May 15-21),
 70 Chin. per vessel (May 22-June 4),
 100 Chin. per vessel (June 5-11),
 70 Chin per landing week (June 12-18),
 and 10 Chin per vessel Jun 23-29.

Harvest
 Chinook: WA=34,941; OR=1,560 Total=36,501

All Salmon (mark-select coho)
 Open July 1 – Aug. 27, Aug. 29-Sept. 2, Sept 5-10,
~~Sept 5-9, Sept 12-16, Sept 19-23, and Sept 26-30~~ Sept 30
 Chinook Quota = 24,450, Fin-clipped Coho Quota = 8,280

July 1 - 9: 60 Chin. & 60 marked coho per vessel,
 July 10-30: 50 Chin. & 60 marked coho per vessel per landing week,
 July 31-Aug 6: 80 Chin. & 45 marked coho per vessel per landing week,
 August 7-20 100 Chin. & 45 marked coho per vessel per landing week,
 August 21-27: 45 Chinook & 15 marked coho,
 Aug. 29-Sept. 2-30: 15 Chinook & 7 marked coho per vessel per open
 period (Friday to Tuesday, closed Wednesday and Thursday),
 Sept. 5-10: 10 Chinook & 4 marked coho per vessel. Closed effective
 September 11, 2025.

Harvest
 Chinook: WA=21,861; OR=2,489; Total=24,350
 Coho (mark selective): WA=5,645; OR=2,572; Total=8,217

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Oregon Ocean Commercial Troll Salmon Seasons, 2025: South of Cape Falcon

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

All Salmon Except Coho
 April 16 – May 31:
 and earlier of the end of the coho quota
 or Sept. 1-Oct. 31
 Sept. 1- Oct 31 no more than 75 Chinook
 per week (Thurs-Wed)

Cape Falcon to Heceta Bank Line

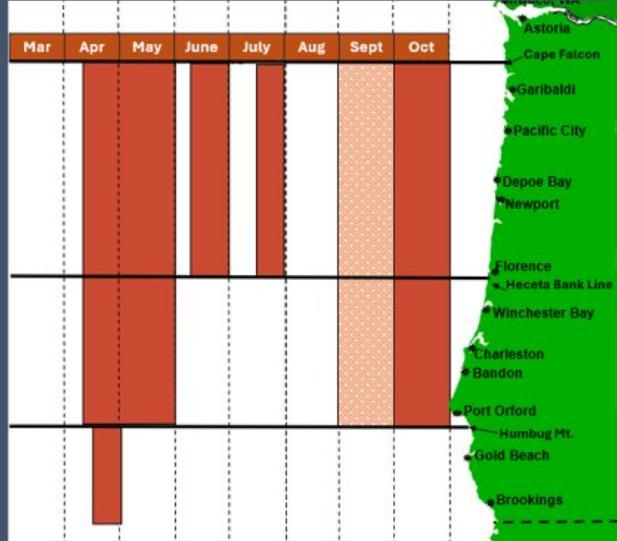
All Salmon Except Coho
 June 9-30:
 and July 16-31 no quota

Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border

All Salmon Except Coho
 April 15 – 30 no quota

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

All Salmon
 (Non-mark Selective coho)
 Sept 1 through earlier of Sept. 30
 or 7,500 non-mark-selective coho quota
 no more than 75 coho and 75 Chinook
 per vessel per week (Thurs-Wed)



Harvest

Chinook (Falcon-Humbug): 24,232
 Chinook (Humbug – OR/CA border): 0

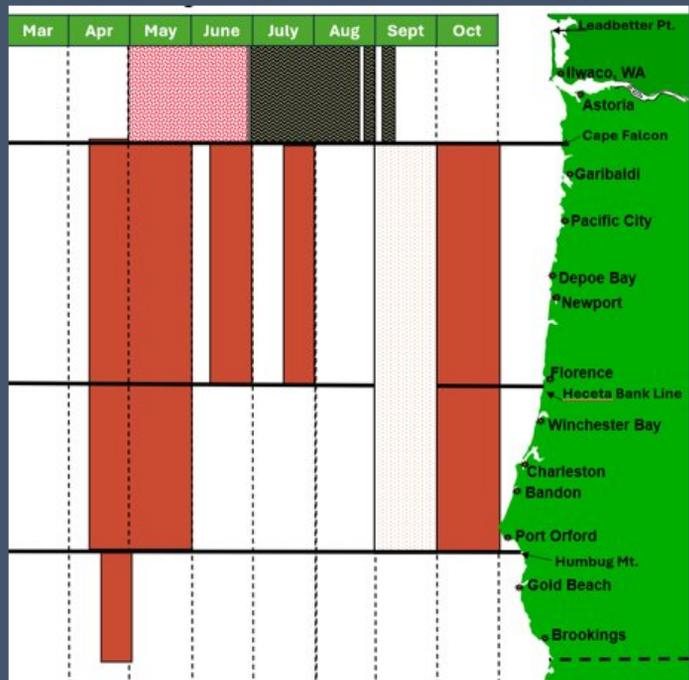
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2025 Troll Halibut Regulations (overlay on salmon seasons):

April 10-October 31:
 1 Pacific Halibut per 2
 Chinook + 1 Halibut up
 to 35 Halibut per trip

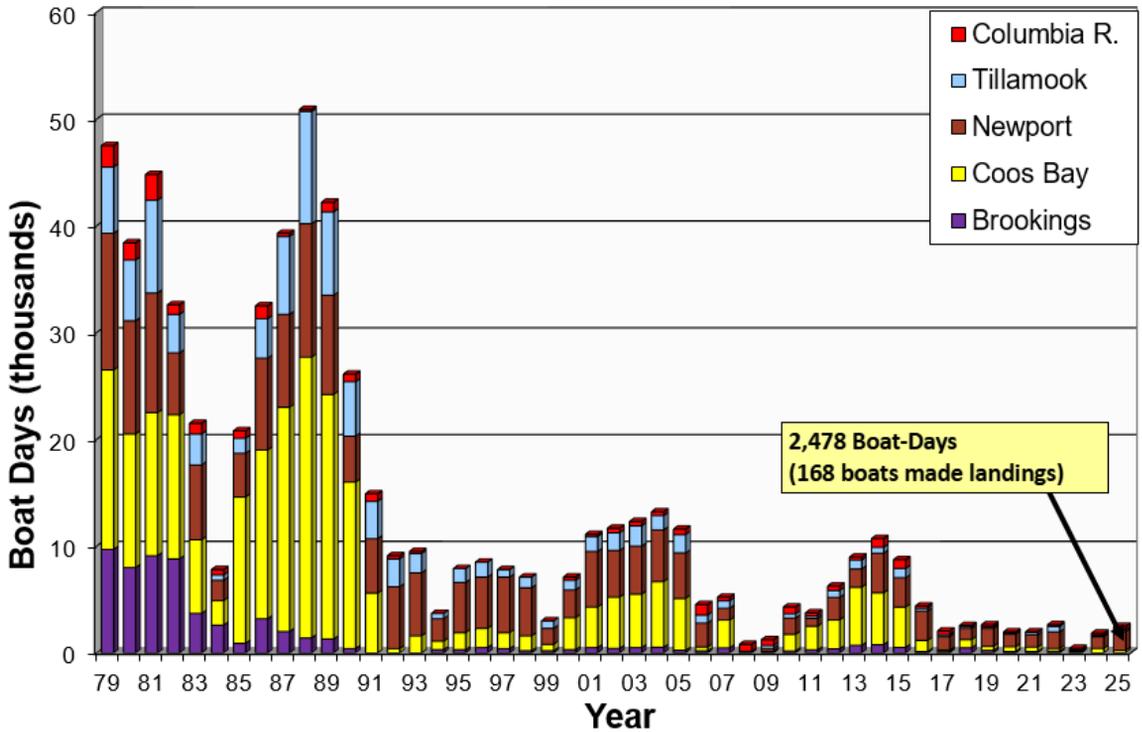
Quota: 52,042 lbs.
 (head-on)

Catch: 27,225 lbs.
 WA = 26,538 lbs.
 OR = 687 lbs.
 CA = 0 lbs.



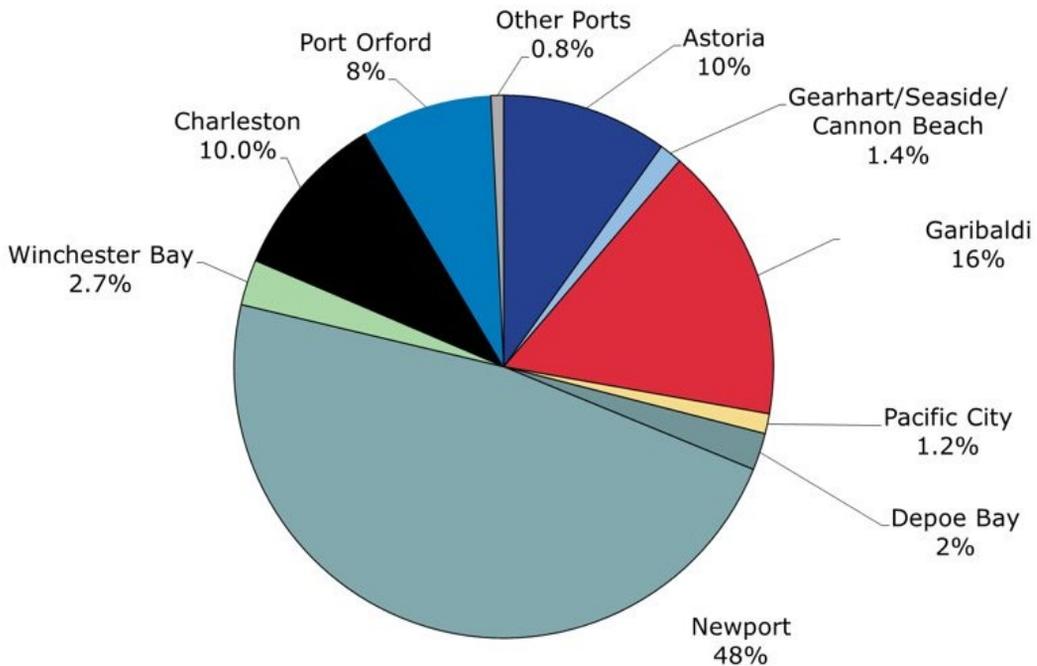
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Commercial Troll Salmon Fishing Effort by Area



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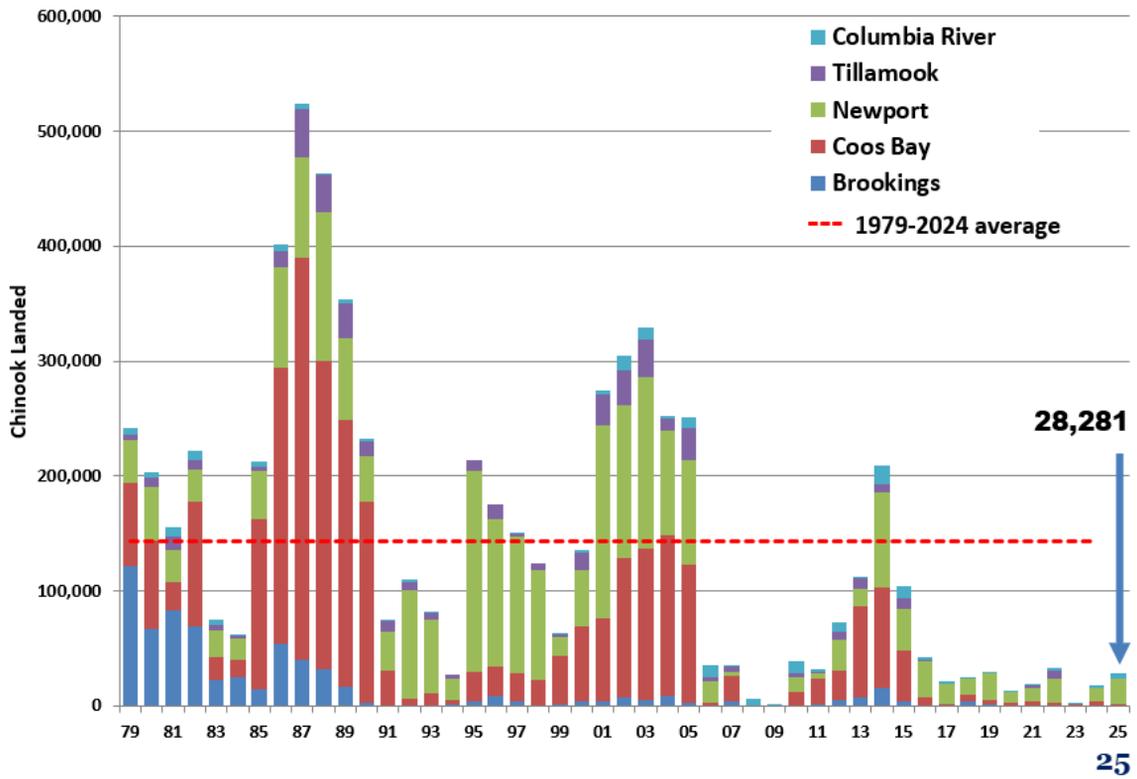
Commercial Troll Salmon Effort (Deliveries) by Port, 2025



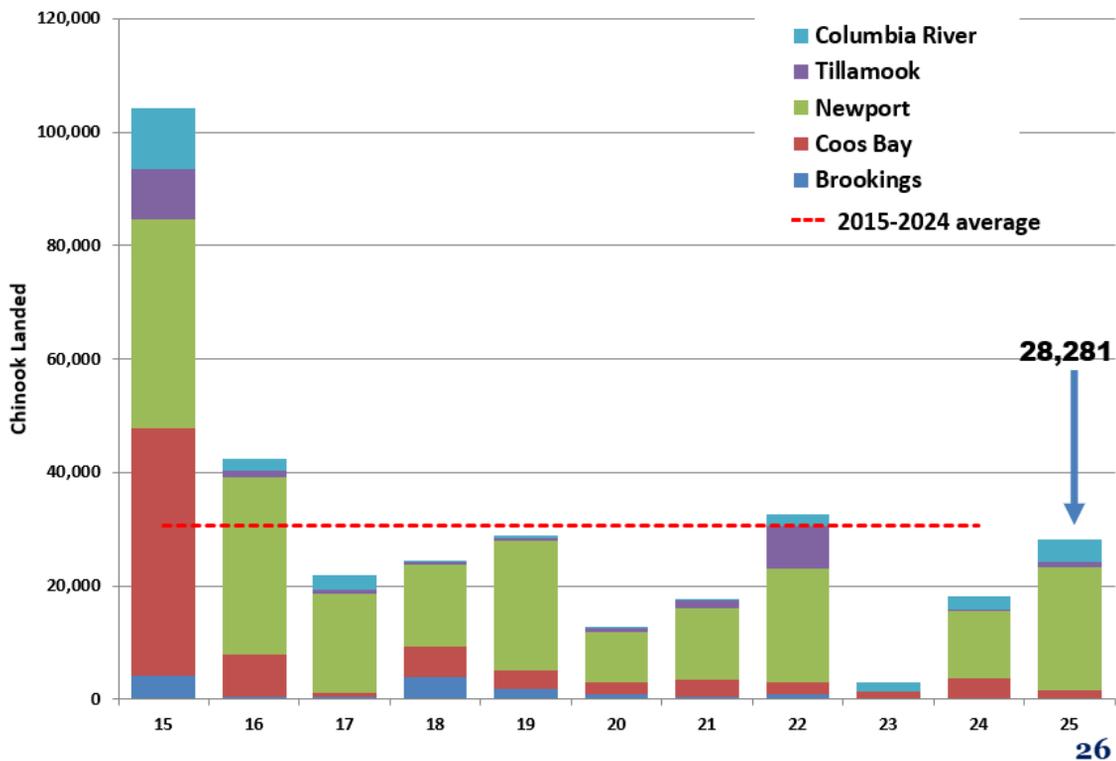
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Troll Chinook Landings By Area 1979 – 2025*

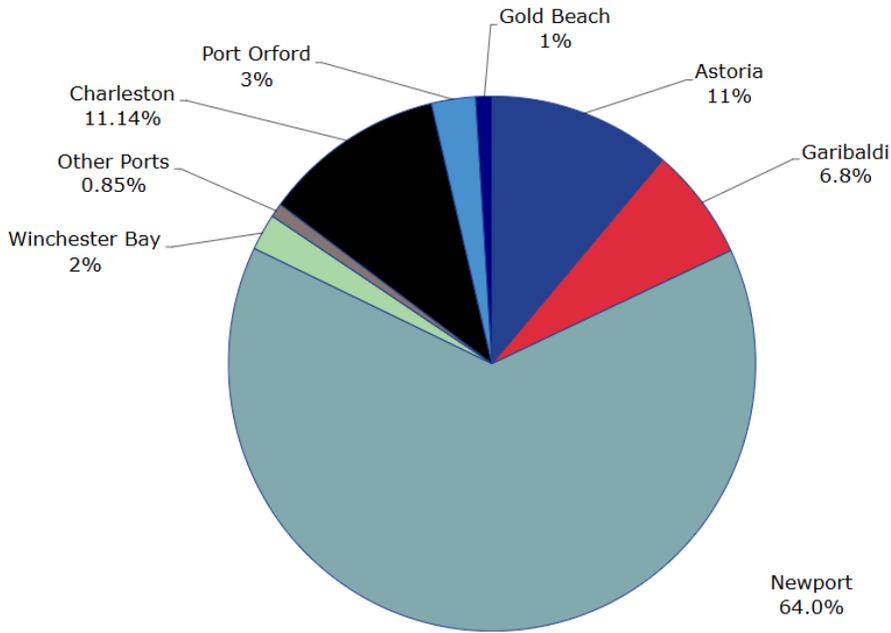
2025 data is preliminary



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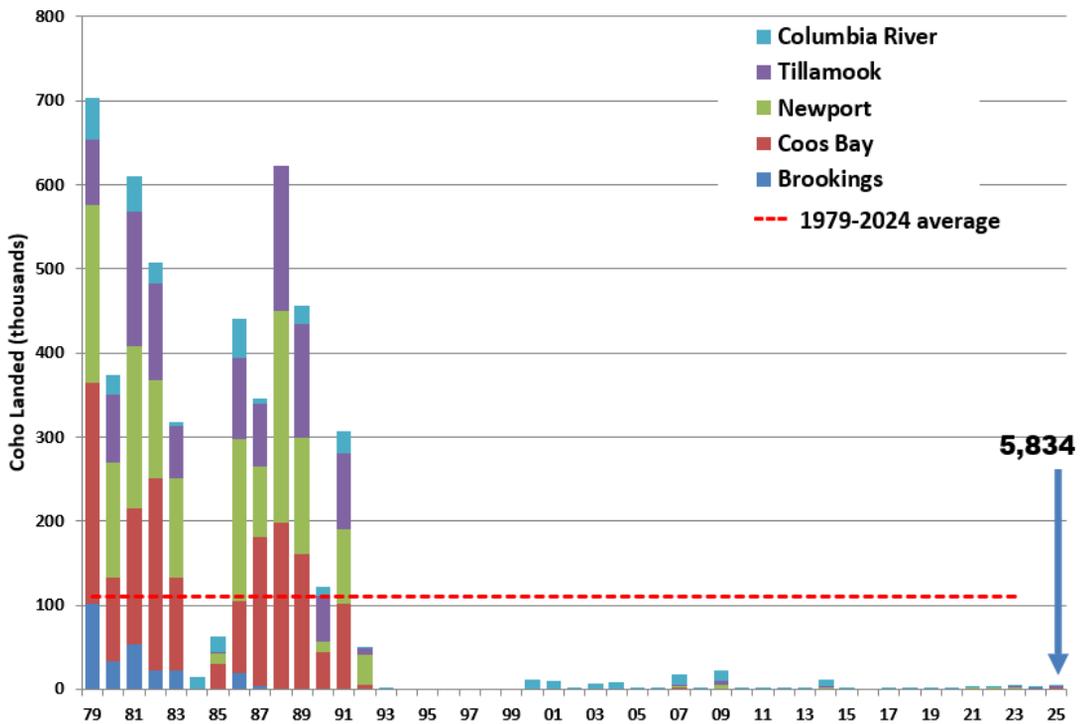


Commercial Troll Chinook Salmon Landings by Port, 2025



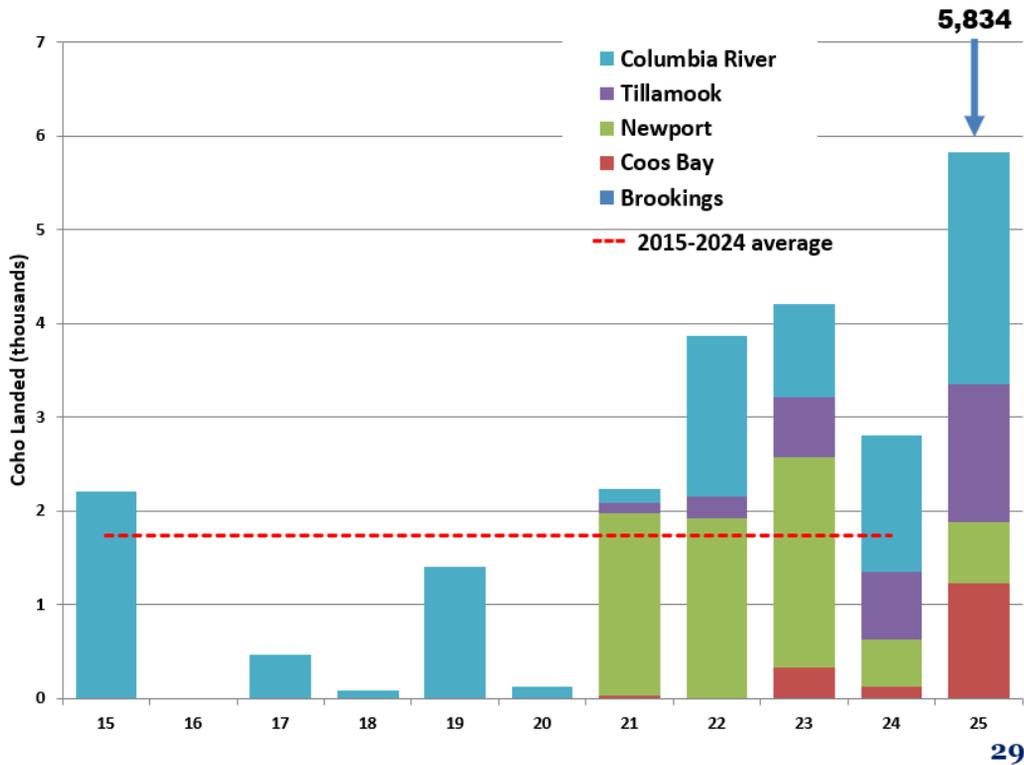
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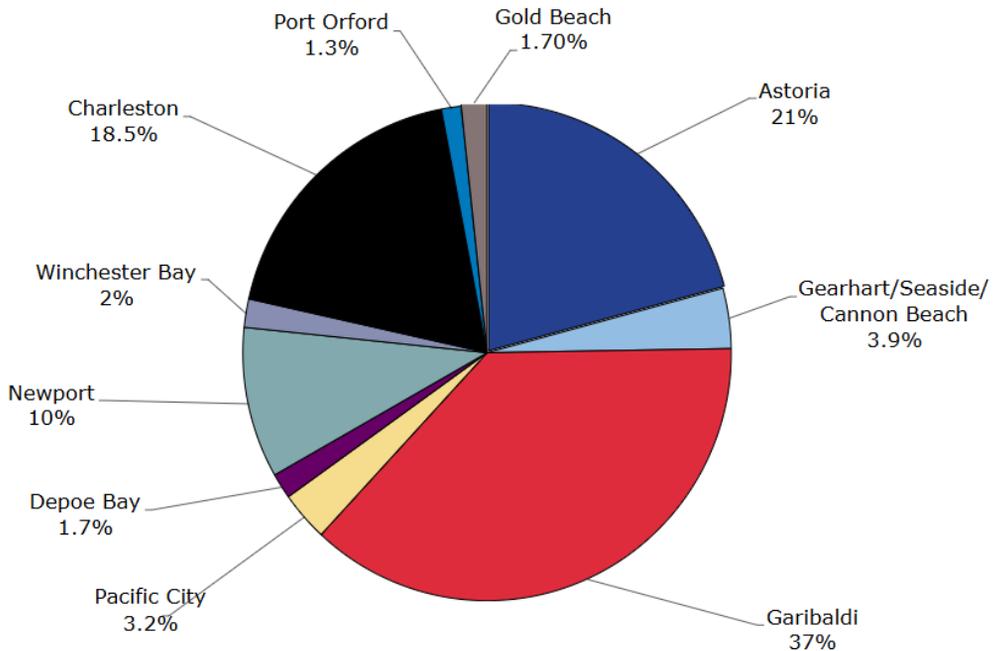
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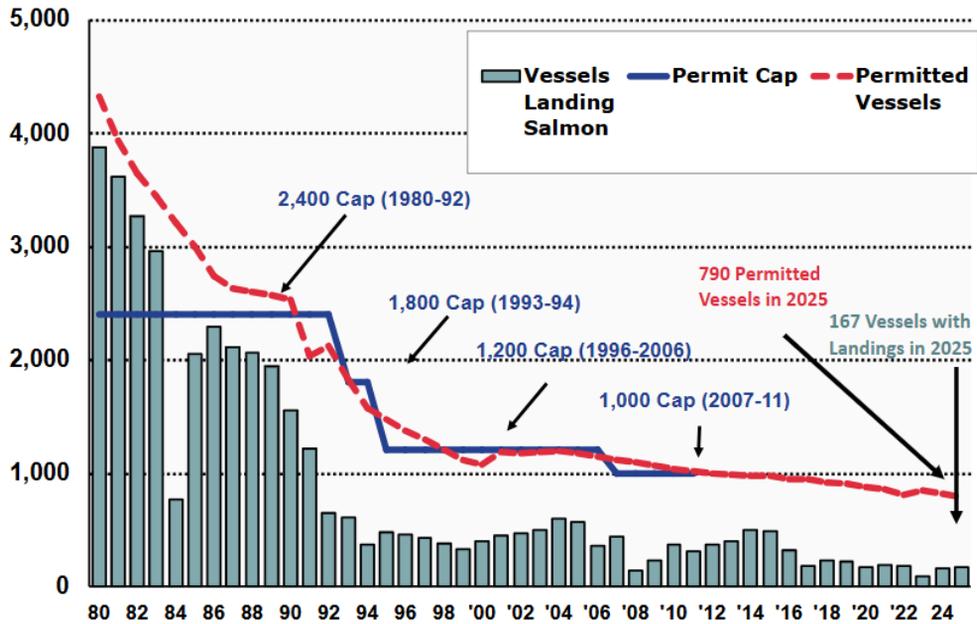
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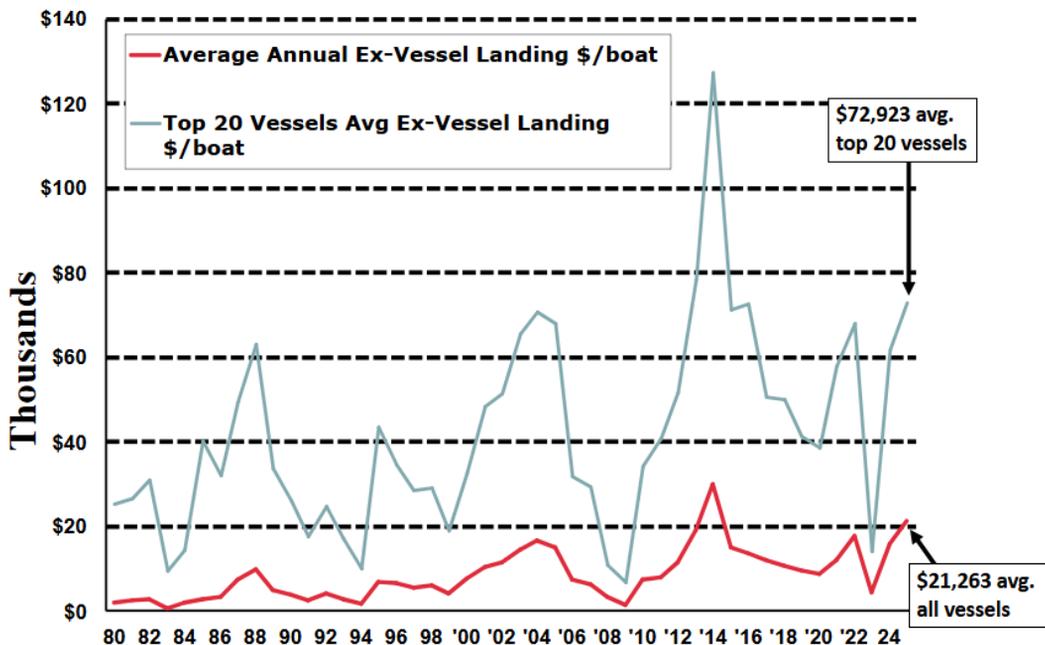
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Oregon Commercial Troll Salmon Permits, Permit Cap, and Number of Boats Landing Salmon



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Oregon Commercial Troll Salmon Average Ex-Vessel Values per Vessel (not adjusted for inflation)



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Review of 2025 Salmon Abundance & 2026 Forecasts

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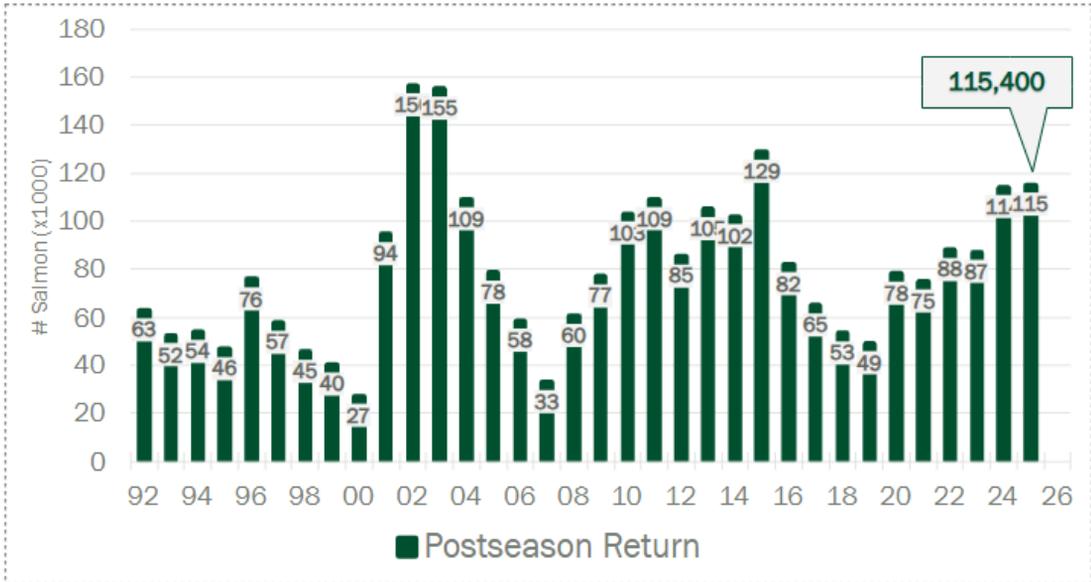
Abundance and Forecasts

Major stocks of concerns to Oregon ocean fisheries

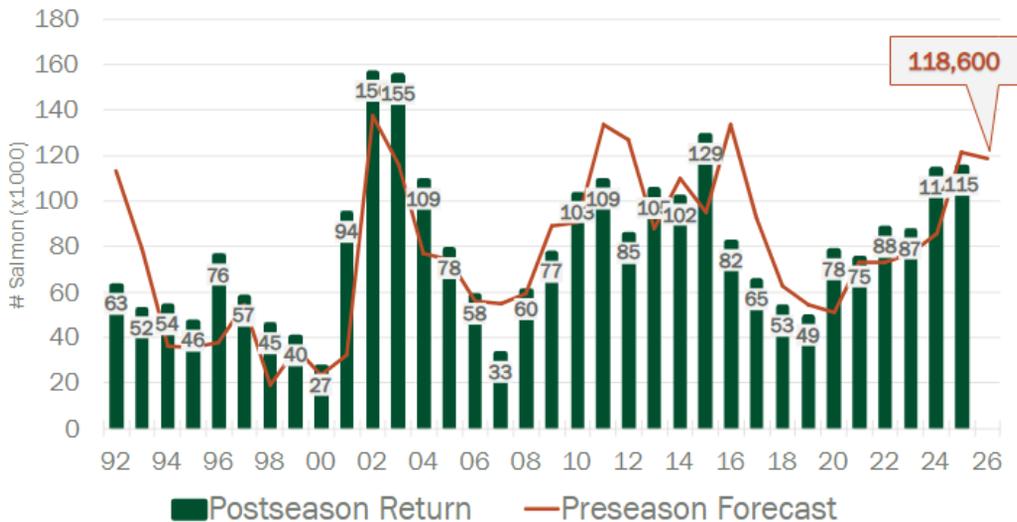
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- Klamath River Fall Chinook
- Sacramento River Fall Chinook
- Oregon Production Index Hatchery coho (OPIH)
- Oregon Coastal Natural coho (OCN)
- Lower Columbia River Natural coho (LCN)



Lower Columbia River Hatchery Tule Chinook

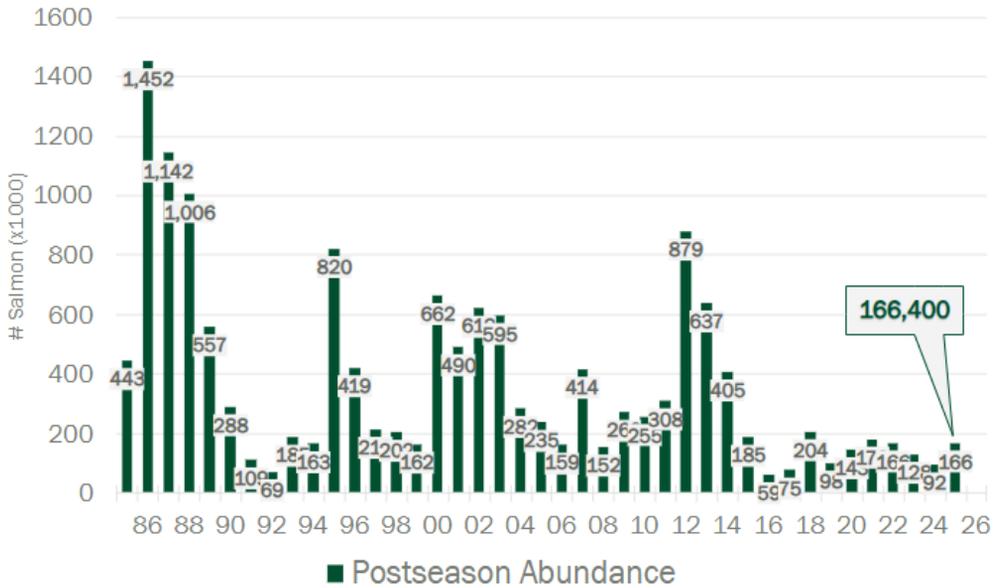


Lower Columbia River Hatchery Tule Chinook

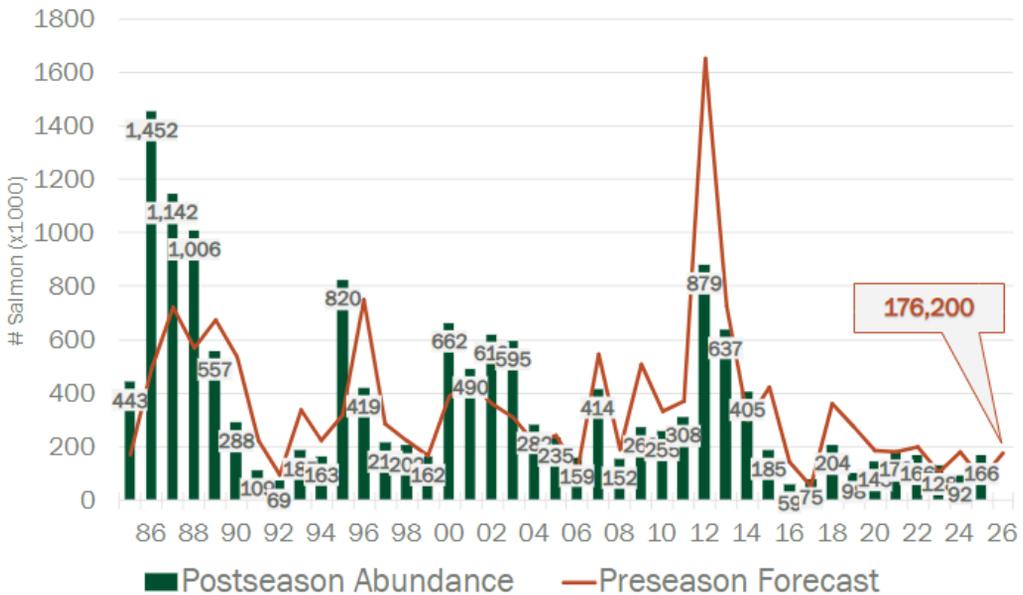




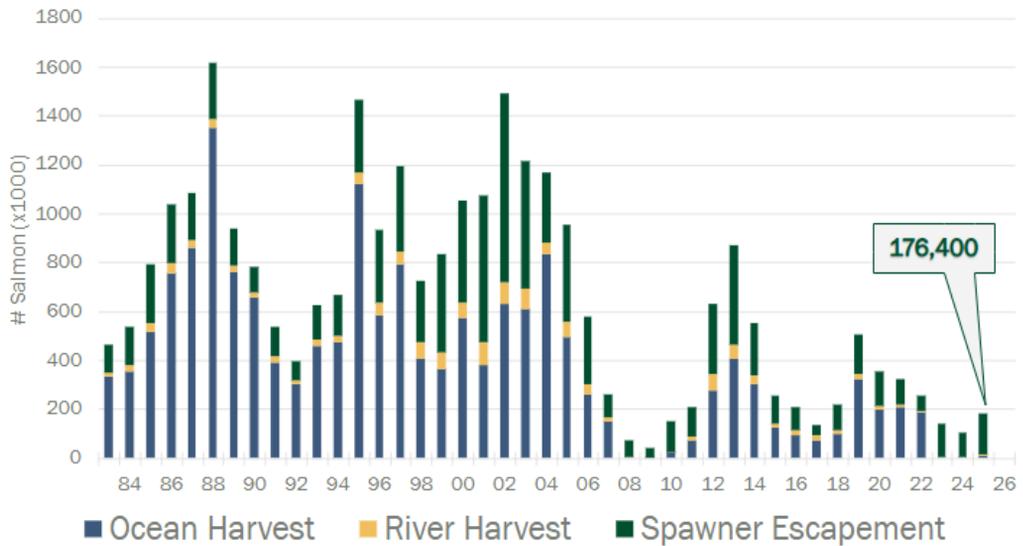
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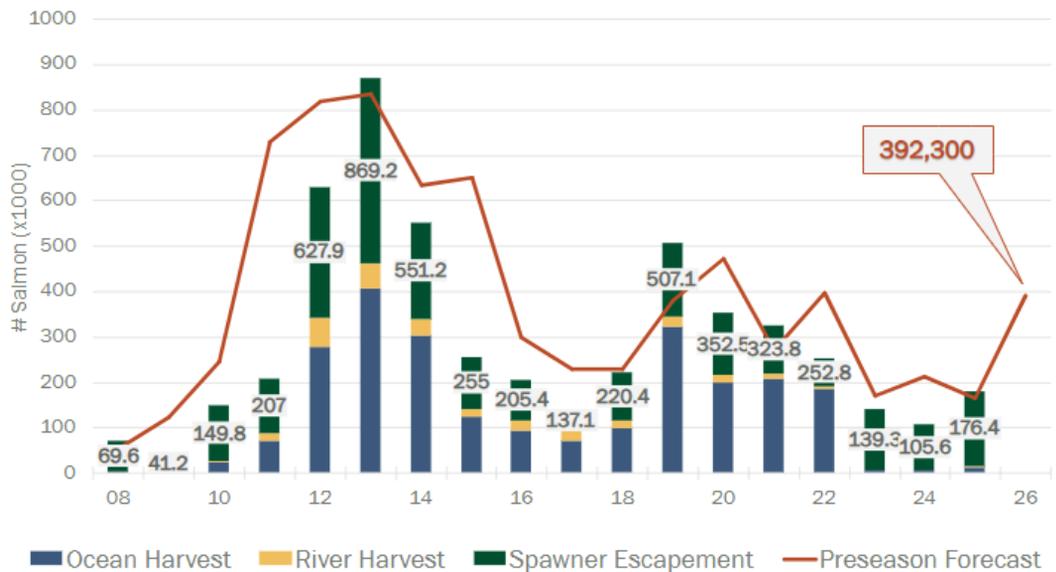
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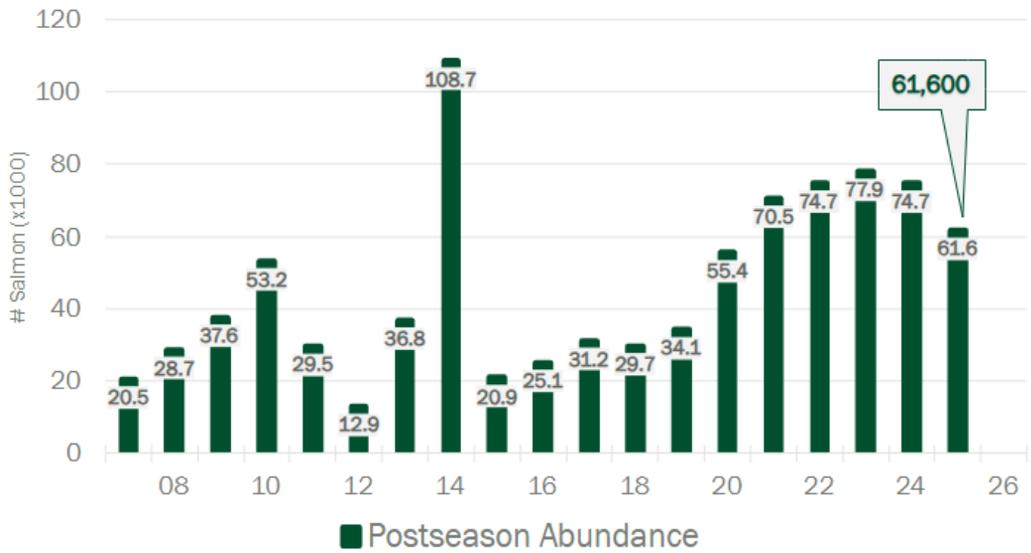
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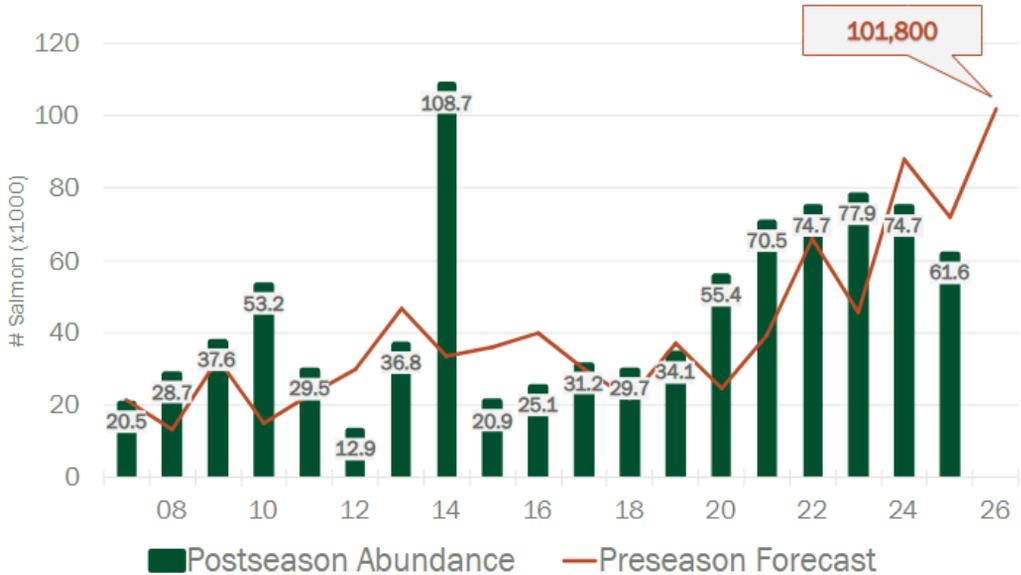


Lower Columbia Natural (LCN) Coho



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Lower Columbia Natural (LCN) Coho

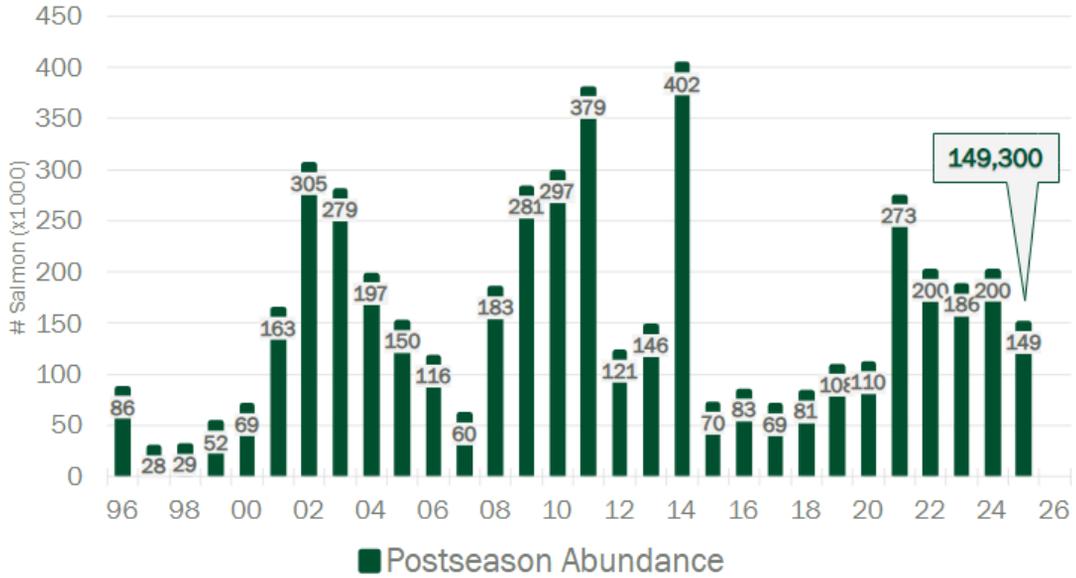


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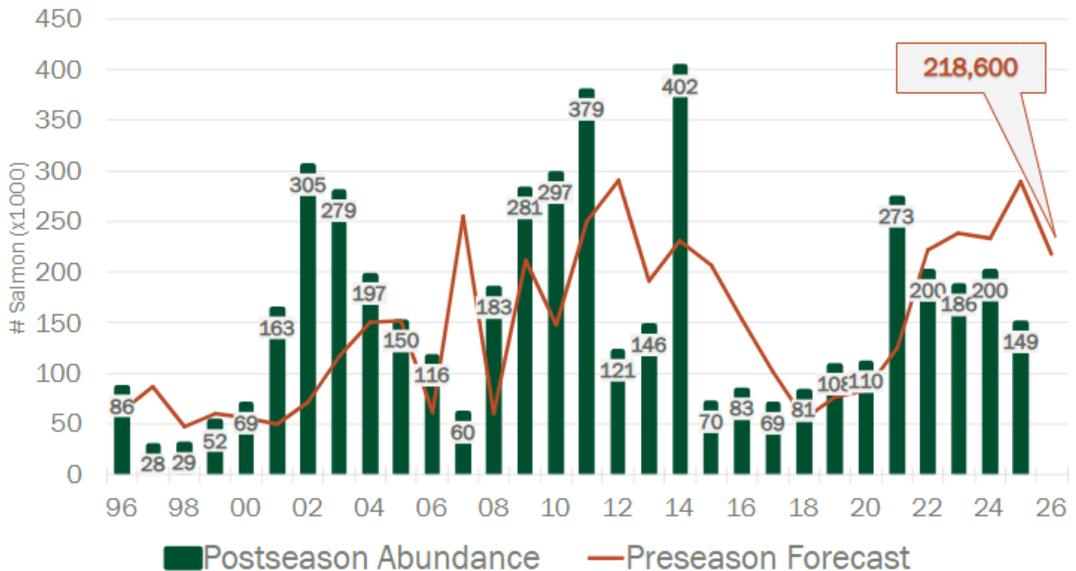




Oregon Coast Natural (OCN) Coho

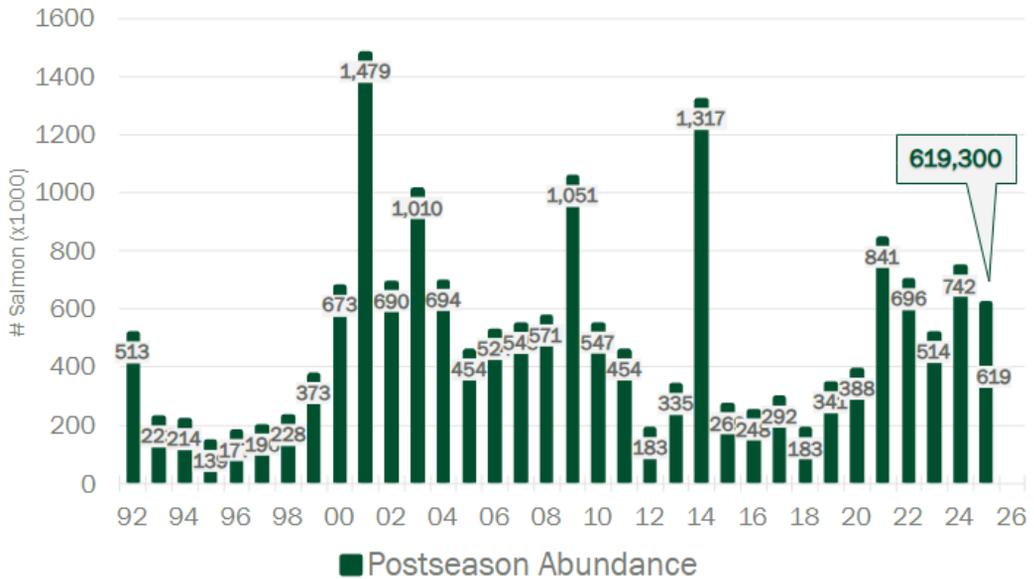


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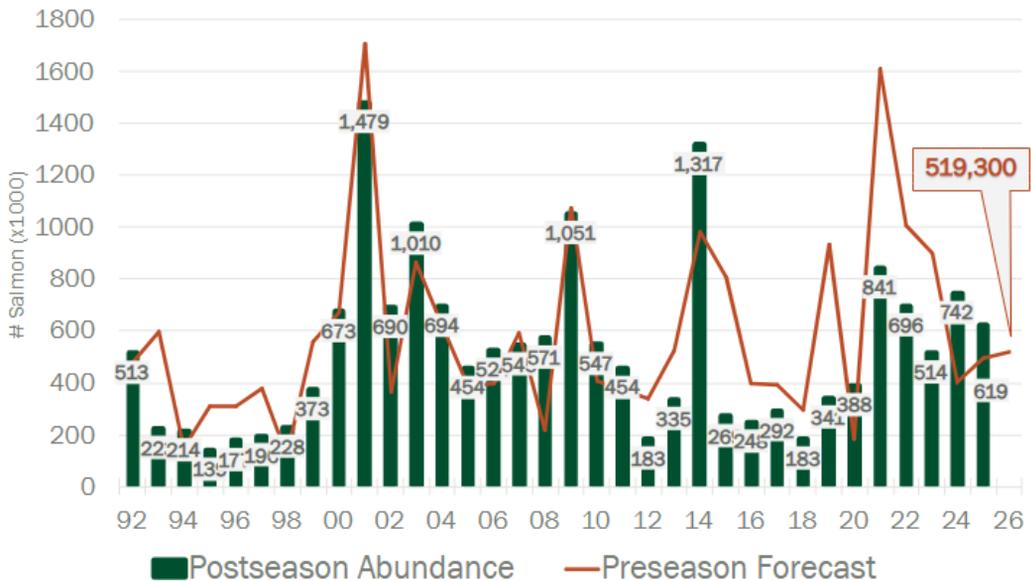




Oregon Production Index Hatchery (OPIH) Coho



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Preseason Forecast Comparison

		2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2026 compared to 2025
Columbia River Chinook*	Columbia River Fall Chinook	718,000	651,300	- 66,700
	Lower River Hatchery Tule	121,500	118,600	- 2,900
California Chinook	Sacramento Index	165,700	392,300	+ 226,600
	Klamath Fall Chinook	82,700	176,200	+ 93,500
Coho	OPI Hatchery	493,600	519,300	+ 25,700
	Oregon Coast Natural	289,000	218,600	- 70,400
	Lower Columbia River Natural	72,000	101,800	+ 29,800

* Columbia River forecasts are returns to Columbia River mouth



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2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Guidance

Ocean Salmon Industry Group Meeting
February 27, 2026

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2026 NMFS Guidance

- Summary based on the 2026 Guidance Letter
- Final Guidance will be in the March PFMC briefing book and presented at the PFMC meeting
- Non-Listed Stocks
 - Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)
 - Harvest Control Rules
 - Conservative Management
- Stock Listed Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
 - Biological Opinions
 - NMFS Guidance Letter

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Non-ESA-Listed Stocks



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Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC)

- Indicator stock for Central Valley Fall Chinook stock complex
- Not listed under the ESA
- Conservation Objective: 122,000 – 180,000 adult spawners
- Harvest Control Rule
- Guidance Under Development



Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC)

- Indicator stock: Chinook from Southern Oregon Northern California coasts, Klamath and Trinity Rivers
- Not listed under the ESA
- Overfished status: 2017 - 2024
- Conservation Objective: 40,700 spawners
- Harvest Control Rule
- Guidance Under Development

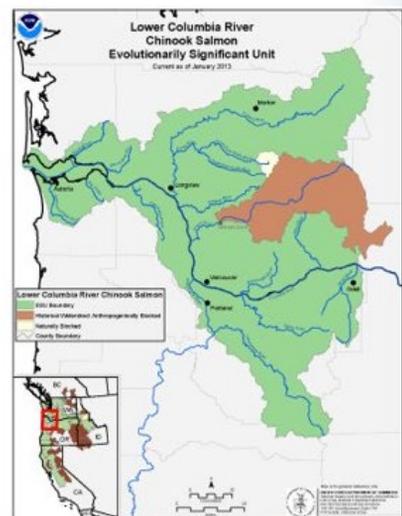


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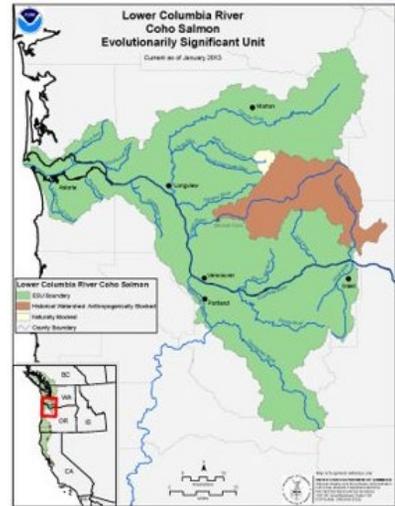
Lower Columbia River Chinook Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2013 (78 FR 41911)
- Ad Hoc Tule Work Group 2011
- Abundance Based Management Framework
- Biological Opinion: 2012
- Tule Matrix – Updated in 2024
- Guidance:
 - LRH Tule Chinook ER $\leq 41\%$
 - Includes ocean and Columbia River



Lower Columbia River Coho Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2013 (78 FR 41911)
- LCN Coho Work Group: 2014
- Biological Opinion: 2015
- Harvest Management Matrix
 - Parental Escapement = Normal
 - Marine Survival = High
- Guidance:
 - Total ER \leq 23%
 - Includes ocean and Columbia River



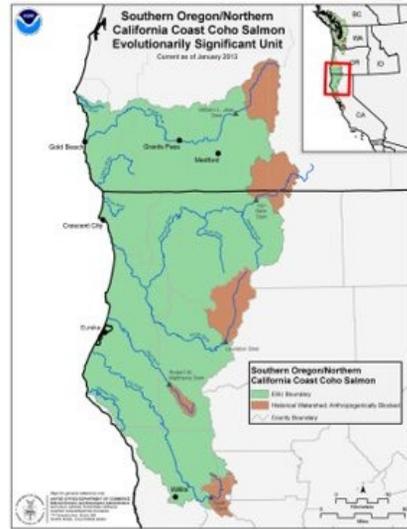
Oregon Coast Coho Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2016 (81 FR 90780)
- Harvest Control Rule and Amendment 13
- Biological Opinion: 1999
- OCN Work Group 2000
- Expanded Harvest Management Matrix
 - Parental Escapement = High
 - Marine Survival = Medium
- Guidance
 - Total ER \leq 30%
 - Includes ocean and freshwater
 - Same for all sub-aggregates



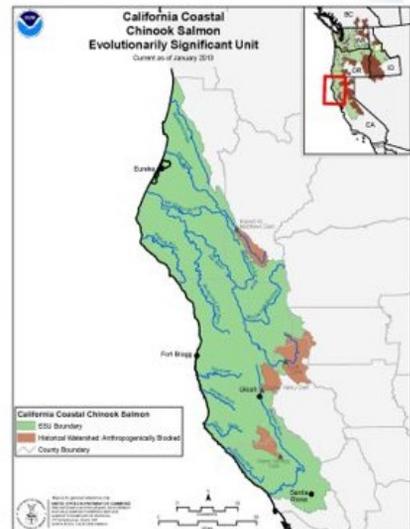
SONCC Coho Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2014 (79 FR 58750)
- Harvest Control Rule and Amendment 23 in 2022
- Biological Opinion: 2022
- Combined ocean and freshwater ER limit
- Guidance
 - Prohibit coho retention off California
 - ER limit:
 - ≤ 16% for Trinity population unit
 - ≤ 15% for all other populations



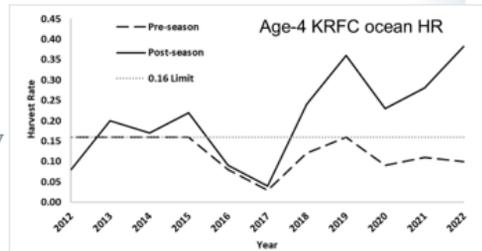
California Coastal (CC) Chinook Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2016 (81 FR 750666)
- Biological Opinion: 2024
- Consultation Standard:
 - Indicator: Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC)
 - Metric: Age-4 KRFC Ocean Harvest Rate
 - Limit: ≤ 16%



CC Chinook Salmon (Continued)

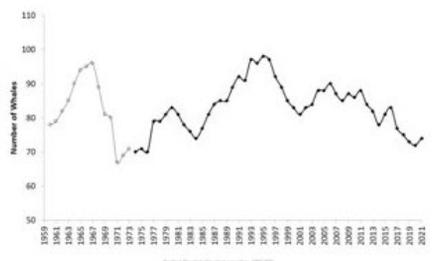
- Management response needed
 - HR exceeding pre-season projection
 - HR exceeding 16% limit
 - High contact rates in commercial fishery
 - KOHM updates in 2021 and 2022
 - Buffered HR in 2022: 10% vs 38%



- Management Framework: Adopted 2023
- Guidance
 - Buffered pre-season HR based on 5-year percent error
 - Management Measures for commercial fisheries off California

Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW)

- ESA Listed: Endangered
- Recovery Plan: 2008 (73 FR 4176)
- Salmon FMP Amendment 21
- Biological Opinion: 2021
- Background
 - Since 2009, the population has declined to a near historic low of 74
 - Chinook salmon low abundance threshold
 - Under Threshold = Implementation of Management Actions



Southern Resident Killer Whales (Cont'd)

- Guidance

- Follow process outlined in Amendment 21
- Compare 2026 Chinook salmon abundance to the low abundance threshold
- If Chinook abundance is below threshold implement management measures described in Amendment 21



Thank you

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2025 Fall Fishery Credit Card Impacts

	SRFC	KRFC
OR Troll	117	0
OR Sport	132	0
Total	249	0



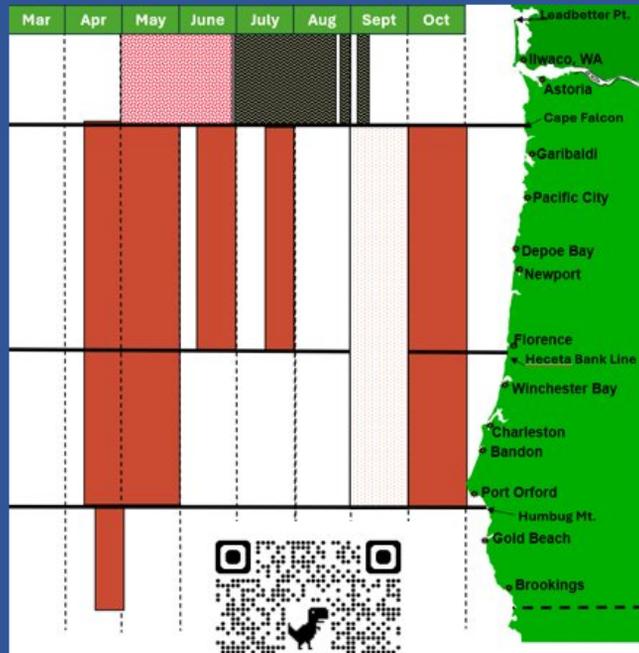
Public Comment – Preferred Season Alternatives

Troll Halibut Regulations (overlay on salmon seasons):

April 10-October 31:
 1 Pacific Halibut per 2
 Chinook + 1 Halibut up to
 35 Halibut per trip

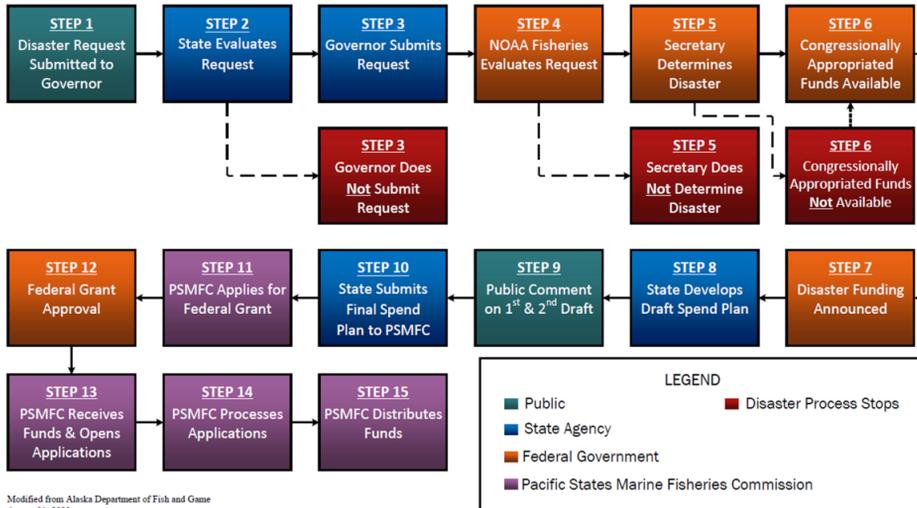
Quota: 52,042 lbs. (head-on)

**Incidental Salmon
 Troll Pacific Halibut
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