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## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 635

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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FILING CAPTION: Fishing Regulation Changes for 2026 Fall Salmon Seasons in Oregon Coastal Streams

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 06/26/2026 5:00 PM

*The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.*

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**HEARING(S)**

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DATE: 06/26/2026

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER WRITTEN COMMENT TO THE AGENCY: 06/23/2026 @ 8:00 AM; LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER VERBAL COMMENT TO AGENCY: 06/26/2026 CLOSE OF HEARING.

This hearing will be conducted as a hybrid meeting, providing an opportunity to give testimony either in person or virtually. Additional information regarding participation will be posted on our website at

[www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/). The meeting can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW](http://www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW).

Any changes to the meeting format (to virtual only if emergency arises) will be posted to our website as soon as possible.

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**NEED FOR THE RULE(S):**

The State's Wildlife Policy ORS 496.012 (which includes fish) provides that "wildlife shall be managed to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state." ODFW evaluates available information regarding the "supply and condition" of fish and determines the appropriate level and means of harvest for each species. Furthermore, under the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan, ODFW is directed to conduct annual reviews of fish populations and to not wait until a critical level has been reached to adjust the management for a population including considering reduced retention limits, shorter seasons, or other measures to prevent a declining population from falling to its critical level.

Consistent with this, bag limits for wild Chinook and Coho salmon on the Oregon Coast are set annually based on several factors, including but not limited to, recent population trends, forecast returns (and forecast uncertainty), environmental factors, and harvest rate trends.

For 2026, ODFW staff are proposing basin-specific daily and annual bag limits for wild fall Chinook salmon that protect and maintain populations and allow for sustainable utilization. Additionally, ODFW staff are proposing to open wild Coho salmon harvest fisheries in specific coastal river systems to provide public angling opportunity for limited harvest of these fish. Bag limits and season dates proposed by staff for wild Coho salmon are managed consistent with Amendment 13 of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (A-13) while providing public opportunity for harvest and for associated economic benefits. Staff recommendations are intended to result in total harvest that is less than the maximum allowed under the A-13 to provide a margin of error, or buffer, for uncertainty in forecast accuracy and fishery performance.

Failure to adopt these amendments would prevent fishing opportunities for wild Coho salmon as these fisheries are currently closed, and would affect wild Chinook salmon fishing opportunities. Adoption of lower bag limits or shorter seasons would reduce public opportunity; adoption of higher bag limits or longer seasons would increase the likelihood of impacting the populations and future utilization opportunity.

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#### DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

1. Staff report prepared for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing on June 26, 2026, including the presentation and all provided materials.

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking [the above document(s)] are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Linda Spansel at 503-947-6233 or [linda.d.spansel@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:linda.d.spansel@odfw.oregon.gov) to view by appointment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

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#### STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

The Department has solicited input from representatives of underrepresented communities likely to be affected on whether the proposed rule will have a fiscal impact on the community, the extent of the fiscal impact, and whether the rules will have significant impact on underrepresented communities. <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/index.asp>

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#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The rules are expected to result in minimal fiscal and economic impacts.

Fiscal and economic impacts discussed in this document pertain only to the proposed rules at the time of writing this fiscal impact statement.

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**COST OF COMPLIANCE:**

*(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).*

(1)(a) State agencies that could be affected by the amendments in recreational fishing regulations are the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Oregon State Police (OSP). ODFW impacts include fisheries management costs and license sales, while OSP impacts are from increased enforcement costs. Overall, the proposed rule amendments are not expected to result in significant changes to current levels of costs for ODFW or for OSP. Any potential changes to ODFW revenues from license sales would depend substantially on changes to participation rates and purchases from the sport angling community. While these specific factors are quantitatively indeterminate at this time, ODFW does not expect that the proposed regulations will result in significant direct impacts on the purchase of angling licenses, tags, and endorsements.

(1)(b) Units of local government which could be affected by sport fishing regulations include port authorities and county governments. Port authorities and county governments may experience costs and derive revenues related to the provision of moorage and other support facilities for sport fishing. However, no major changes from the current levels of local government operations or expenditures are expected as a result of these rule amendments.

(1)(c) The public is affected by rules relating to angling regulations. Fall salmon seasons are still in development at the time of fiscal impact statement preparation; thus, it is not possible to precisely estimate the economic impacts of any proposed regulation changes at this time. A variety of factors such as run sizes, weather, gas prices, etc. contribute to determining the number of angler trips in any given year, further inhibiting the precise estimation of angler trip impacts resulting from the proposed rules.

Preliminary data available at the time of fiscal impact statement preparation suggests that, apart from the Nestucca River Basin, wild Chinook salmon seasons will offer similar or greater opportunities for harvest in 2026 compared to those held in 2025. We anticipate the Nestucca River Basin to have lower bag limits in 2026 for wild Chinook salmon retention relative to the previous year. Provisional rules for 2026 wild Coho salmon seasons are currently similar to the 2025 seasons. All basins open in 2025 are proposed to be open in some capacity for wild Coho salmon retention in 2026, except for the Alsea basin (in 2025 there were 11 river basins allowing wild Coho retention). Overall changes to harvest opportunity are not yet known given that key factors including season duration and bag limits for each basin are still in development at this time and require federal concurrence before the wild Coho salmon seasons can be implemented. Proposed rule changes resulting in either increased or decreased harvest opportunities are expected to cause localized economic impacts to businesses and communities near the affected river basins, though precise impacts cannot be estimated as described above.

Increased harvest opportunities resulting in additional angler trips would mean more spending by anglers, which can have positive impacts on local communities near fishing areas. Conversely, decreased opportunities are likely to result in short-term negative impacts to angler trips and local economic activity. Depending on location, negative impacts to recreational anglers may be mitigated by alternative harvest opportunities from other salmon fisheries, allowing for some degree of site substitution. Fishing guide businesses may be particularly impacted by changing harvest regulations at a river basin level. Regulations that increase or decrease harvest opportunities for individual river basins are likely to affect the competitive advantages enjoyed by guides who specialize in fishing the impacted river basins and who may have less ease of substituting alternative sites. Although some of the amendments to angling regulations in general can be viewed as reducing positive economic impacts in the short run, conservation through the regulation of seasons and

other factors is intended to perpetuate Oregon's fishery resources at optimal levels in the long run. Failure to restrict harvests of fish to allow escapement for reproduction would result in severe adverse economic impacts in the future. The proposed regulations attempt to strike a balance, which will provide optimal angling opportunities subject to the need to sustain fish population levels and to maintain future benefits.

(2) The types of businesses that may be indirectly affected are those that supply goods or services to anglers. These may include fishing guides, private marinas, food and beverage stores, gasoline stations, sporting goods stores, general merchandise stores, accommodation businesses, and food services and drinking places.

(2)(a) Given that angling occurs in myriad locations in the Northwest and Southwest zones where these regulations are applicable, the number of small businesses subject to the rule cannot be estimated.

(2)(b) There are no projected reporting, recordkeeping, or other administrative activities required for compliance with these amendments.

(2)(c) There are no projected equipment, supplies, labor, or increased administration costs required for compliance with these amendments.

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#### DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses have not been directly involved in the development of the rules proposed to the Commission. We do not believe that a less intrusive or less costly alternative adaptation to only small businesses is consistent with the proposed rule. Opportunity for the public to provide input and recommendations will be provided at the June 26th, 2026, Commission Hearing.

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#### WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

No, an Administrative Rule Advisory Committee was not consulted. The rules are believed to be fully compatible with legislative direction on the goals of fishery management in Oregon. At the Commission Hearing, public correspondence and testimony will be accepted into the record as part of the rulemaking process.

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#### RULES PROPOSED:

635-013-0004, 635-014-0500, 635-014-0510, 635-016-0500, 635-016-0510, 635-016-0520

AMEND: 635-013-0004

**RULE SUMMARY:** The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) will consider modifications to recreational angling regulations for coastal streams for 2026 fall salmon seasons. If adopted, the provisional rules modify existing fishing regulations for the following bays, rivers, and tributaries within the NW and SW zones: Necanicum, Nehalem, Tillamook, Nestucca, Salmon, Yaquina, Siletz, Alsea, Beaver Cr., Yachats, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Coos, Coquille, Floras Cr./New River, Sixes, Elk, Hunter Cr., Pistol, Chetco, and Winchuck. Modifications to the provisional rules may occur prior to the Commission meeting based on additional analysis of expected returns and fishery impacts and consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The provisional rules and further modifications, if any, will be published to the ODFW Fall Coastal Salmon Management webpage. The Commission may decide not to adopt the proposed rules or may amend one or more of the proposed rules including amendments that may affect other bays, rivers, and tributaries.

In addition to Commission approval, wild Coho salmon fisheries are subject to annual review and approval from NMFS because Oregon Coast Natural Coho salmon remain listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Thus, implementation of the proposed wild Coho salmon fisheries are contingent upon NMFS' approval.

#### CHANGES TO RULE:

635-013-0004

Inclusions and Modifications ¶¶

(1) OAR 635-013-0005 through OAR 635-013-0009 modify or are in addition to provisions contained in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, Part 660, Subparts A and H. Additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.¶¶

(2) The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 50, Part 660, Subparts A and H, and the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations contain requirements for sport salmon angling in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon coast. However, additional regulations may be adopted from time to time, and, to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the published federal regulations and the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. This means that persons must consult not only the federal regulations and the published sport fishing regulations but also the Department's web page to determine all applicable sport fishing regulations.¶¶

(3) This rule contains requirements that modify sport salmon angling regulations off the Oregon coast. The following modifications are organized in sections that apply to the ocean sport salmon fishery in general and within management zones established by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and enacted by Federal Regulations (CFR, Title 50, Part 660, Subparts A and H).

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162

AMEND: 635-014-0500

RULE SUMMARY: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) will consider modifications to recreational angling regulations for coastal streams for 2026 fall salmon seasons. If adopted, the provisional rules modify existing fishing regulations for the following bays, rivers, and tributaries within the NW and SW zones: Necanicum, Nehalem, Tillamook, Nestucca, Salmon, Yaquina, Siletz, Alsea, Beaver Cr., Yachats, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Coos, Coquille, Floras Cr./New River, Sixes, Elk, Hunter Cr., Pistol, Chetco, and Winchuck. Modifications to the provisional rules may occur prior to the Commission meeting based on additional analysis of expected returns and fishery impacts and consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The provisional rules and further modifications, if any, will be published to the ODFW Fall Coastal Salmon Management webpage. The Commission may decide not to adopt the proposed rules or may amend one or more of the proposed rules including amendments that may affect other bays, rivers, and tributaries.

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#### CHANGES TO RULE:

635-014-0500

North Coast District

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.¶

(2) ~~Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Necanicum River:¶~~

~~(a) From In the Necanicum River from the mouth to Hwy 53 bridge at Necanicum Jct including Neawanna Creek tidewater below 12th Ave bridge:¶~~

~~(a) Effective August 1 through November 30, ¶~~

~~(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and ¶~~

~~(b) From August 1 through November 30, ¶ No more than ~~two~~ five adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period; and ¶~~

~~(b) From Effective December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.¶~~

(3) ~~Effective July 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Nehalem River and Bay and in the North Fork Nehalem River:¶~~

~~(a) From In the Nehalem River (Mainstem) and Bay up to Foss Rd (CC) Bridge (RM 15.1) and in the North Fork Nehalem River from the mouth to Hwy 53 bridge:¶~~

~~(a) Effective July 1 through November 30, ¶~~

~~(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and ¶~~

~~(B) No more than ~~two~~ five adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained in aggregate for the period; and ¶~~

~~(b) From ¶~~

~~(b) Effective December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.¶~~

(4) ~~Effective September 10 through October 26, 2025, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the following regulations apply in the Nehalem In the Nehalem River (Mainstem) and Bay from the tips of the jetties upstream to the Miami-Foley Road Bridge and in the North Fork Nehalem River from the mouth upstream to the North Fork Road Bridge at Aldervale, effective September 9 through October 28, 2026, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays:¶~~

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;¶

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and¶

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.¶

(5) ~~Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in In the Tillamook Bay from the tips of the jetties upstream to the Hwy 101 bridges on Kilchis, Miami, Wilson, and Trask Rivers, and Burton Bridge on the Tillamook Bay River, Tillamook River, Wilson River, Trask River, Kilchis River, and Miami River:¶~~

~~(a) From August 1 through November 30, the following regulations apply above Burton Bridge, Wilson River (Mainstem) from Hwy 101 bridge to Jordan Creek, Trask River (Mainstem) from Hwy 101 bridge to confluence of North and South Forks, Kilchis River from Hwy 101 bridge to Tilden Bluff Rd Bridge (RM 11), and Miami River~~

above Hwy 101 bridge:

(a) Effective August 1 through November 30:

(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and

(B) No more than ~~two~~<sup>five</sup> adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.

~~(b) From~~ Effective December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.

~~(c) Effective September 10 through October 26, 2025, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the following regulations apply in~~ In Tillamook Bay from the tips of the jetties upstream to the Highway 101 bridges on the Miami, Kilchis, Wilson, and Trask Rivers and upstream to the Burton Bridge on the Tillamook River, effective September 9 through October 28, 2026, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays:

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

~~(7) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Nestucca River and Bay, the Little Nestucca River, and Three Rivers:~~

~~(a) From~~ In the Nestucca River and Bay up to First Bridge (near Beaver), the Little Nestucca River from Hwy 101 to USFS bridge at Dolph, and Three Rivers from the mouth to hatchery deadline and above the hatchery weir:

(a) Effective August 1 through November 30, in the following regulations apply Nestucca River and Bay up to First Bridge (near Beaver), the Little Nestucca River from Hwy 101 to USFS bridge at Dolph, and the Three Rivers above the hatchery weir:

(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and

(B) No more than ~~five~~<sup>two</sup> adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.

~~(b) From Decem~~ Effective October 1 through Dec~~ember 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed in the Three Rivers from the mouth to hatchery deadline:~~

~~(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and~~

~~(B) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.~~

~~(c) Effective Sept~~ December 10 through October 26, 2025, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the following regulations apply in the Nestucca Bay from the river mouth~~December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.~~

(8) In the Nestucca River and Bay upstream to the Cloverdale Bridge and in the Little Nestucca River from the Nestucca Bay upstream to the Highway 130 Bridge (MP 1.2), effective September 9 through October 28, 2026, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays:

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

(9) All other permanent rules for the Northwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-014-0510

Mid-Coast District

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.¶

~~(2) Effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Salmon River.¶~~

~~(3) In the Salmon River from the mouth to Knight Park boat ramp and from Knight Park boat ramp to the bridge near MP 9 on Hwy 18, effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period.¶~~

~~(3) In the Siletz River and Bay up to the marker sign approximately 1200 feet above Ojalla Bridge and from the marker sign approximately 1200 feet above the Ojalla Bridge to Illahee boat ramp, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to steel bridge entering Mennonite Camp, and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek, effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period.¶~~

~~(a) No more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the entire period in the Siletz River and Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) in aggregate.¶~~

~~(b) Effective August 1 through December 31, Chinook retention is allowed from the Siletz River and Bay up to the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to steel bridge entering Mennonite Camp, and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek.¶~~

~~(4) Effective September 13 through November 14, 2025, the following regulations apply: Chinook retention is allowed from the Siletz River, Drift Creek, and Schooner Creek upstream to Erickson Creek; and Bay up to the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge and from the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge to Illahee boat ramp, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to steel bridge entering Mennonite Camp, and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek.¶~~

~~(a) and Bay up to the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge and from the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge to Illahee boat ramp, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to steel bridge entering Mennonite Camp, and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek.¶~~

~~(4) In the Siletz River and Bay up to the marker sign approximately 1,200 feet upstream of above the Ojalla Bridge;¶~~

~~(b) From October 7 through November 14, retention of wild coho salmon is allowed from the mouth upstream to the Illahee Boat Ramp; and from the marker sign approx. 1200 ft from the Ojalla Bridge to Illahee boat ramp, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.), and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek.¶~~

~~(a) Effective September 19 through October 31:¶~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;¶~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the entire period in aggregate; and¶~~

~~(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.¶~~

~~(5) Effective August 19 through December 31, no more than ten wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Yaquina River and Bay and Big Elk Creek in aggregate.¶~~

from the Siletz River and Bay up to the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to steel bridge entering Mennonite Camp, and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek.

~~(6c)~~ Effective ~~September 13~~<sup>October 17</sup> through October 10, 2025, the following regulations apply to the Yaquina River from the mouth upstream to Simpson Creek, and Big Elk Creek from the mouth upstream to Bear Creek:

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; 31 coho retention is allowed from the Siletz River and Bay up to the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge and from the marker sign approx. 1200 ft above the Ojalla Bridge to Illahee boat ramp, Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to steel bridge entering Mennonite Camp, and Schooner Creek from the mouth to Erickson Creek.~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~

~~(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish. e Yaquina River and Bay from the visible ends of jetty tips to Simpson Creek and Big Elk Creek from the mouth to Bear Creek.~~

~~(7a)~~ Effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Alsea River and Bay and Drift Creek in aggregate.

~~(8b)~~ Effective September 13<sup>9</sup> through October 12 and October 25 through November 7, 2025, the following regulations apply in the Alsea Bay and River from the mouth upstream to the U.S. Forest Service<sup>25, 2026</sup>:

~~(A) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;~~

~~(B) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~

~~(C) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.~~

~~(6) In the Alsea River (Mainstem) and Bay up to the USFS River Edge Boat Landing and in Drift Creek from the mouth upstream to the lower Wilderness Boundary:~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;~~

~~(b) N(A) In the Alsea Basin, Lincoln Co.) from the mouth to lower Wilderness Boundary (RM 10), effective August 1 through December 31: no more than three adult wild coho Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~

~~(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.~~

~~(9) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Yachats River In the Yachats River from the mouth to North Fork Yachats River, effective August 1 through December 31:~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and~~

~~(b) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period.~~

~~(10) Effective November 1 through November 30, 2025, the following regulations apply in Beaver Creek (8) In Beaver Creek (Lincoln Co.) from the walking bridge at Ona Beach State Park upstream to the confluence of Beaver Creek and South Fork Beaver Creek, effective November 1 through November 30, 2026:~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~

~~(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.~~

~~(11) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the (9) In the Siuslaw River (Mainstem) and Bay up to Lake Creek, North Fork Siuslaw River, in from the North Fork Siuslaw River mouth to Meadows Bridge at MP 11, and in Sweet Creek:~~

~~(a) from the mouth to head of tidewater:~~

~~(a) Effective August 1 through December 31:~~

~~(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and~~

~~(b) No more than two five adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.~~

~~(12b) Effective September 13<sup>9</sup> through October 14<sup>3</sup>, 2025, the following regulations apply in the Siuslaw River from the mouth upstream to the confluence of Lake Creek, in the North Fork Siuslaw River from the mouth upstream to Meadows Bridge, and in Sweet Creek from the mouth upstream to head of tide:~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~

~~(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.~~

~~(13) All other permanent rules for the Northwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162

AMEND: 635-016-0500

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In addition to Commission approval, wild Coho salmon fisheries are subject to annual review and approval from NMFS because Oregon Coast Natural Coho salmon remain listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Thus, implementation of the proposed wild Coho salmon fisheries are contingent upon NMFS' approval.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-016-0500

Umpqua District

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Southwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.¶

(2) Effective July 1 through November 30, the following regulations apply in the Mainstem Umpqua River, ~~Smith River, and North Fork Smith River on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.~~¶

~~(a) The daily adult Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate.~~¶

~~(b) No more than one adult Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~¶

~~(c) The Department shall close this fishery when it has determined 500 wild Chinook have been harvested.~~¶

~~(3) Effective September 14 through from the visible tips of the jetties to the North and South Umpqua confluence, Mainstem Smith River (Douglas Co.) from the mouth October 15, 2024, the following regulations apply in the Mainstem Umpqua River from the mouth to Scottsburg Bridge at RM 27.5 to Spencer Creek, and North Fork Smith River (Douglas Co.):~~¶

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; in aggregate; and~~¶

~~(b) No more than three five adult wild coho Chinook salmon may be retained for the period; and~~¶

~~(c) The daily wild jack coho salmon in bag limit is one fish in aggregate.~~¶

(4) All other permanent rules for the Southwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-016-0510

Coos-Coquille District

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Southwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

(2) ~~Effective July 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Coos River (mainstem), Coos Bay from the visible tips of jetties upstream to the head of tide or other landmarks including: Larson Slough upstream to Sullivan Cr; Palouse Cr to Elliot Forest Boundary; Catching Slough to Sumner Rd Bridge; Kentuck, North, Isthmus, Coalbank and Davis sloughs to their tidegates; Shinglehouse Slough; and Pony Slough to Newmark Ave); South Fork Coos River (mouth to head of tide at Dellwood); and Millicoma River (mainstem) in aggregate.~~

(a) ~~Effective July 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.~~

(b) ~~Effective July 1 through December 31, the daily adult salmon bag limit is three fish in aggregate of which no more than two may be wild and only one of which may be a wild coho salmon; and~~

~~(3) Effective September 13 through October 10, 2025, the following regulations apply in Coos Bay (from the visible tips of jetties upstream to head of tide or other landmarks including: Larson Slough upstream to Sullivan Cr, Palouse Cr to Elliot Forest Boundary, Catching Slough, and Pony Slough to Newmark Ave), Coos River (mainstem), South Fork Coos River (mouth upstream to head of tide at Dellwood), and Millicoma River (mainstem).~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and~~

~~(c) The daily wild jack coho salmon bag limit is one fish.~~

(4) ~~Effective June 1 through October 31, the following regulations apply in the Coquille River (Mainstem), East Fork Coquille River, Middle Fork Coquille River, North Fork Coquille River, and in the South Fork Coquille River from the mouth upstream to the USFS boundary near Powers.~~

(a) ~~Effective June 1 through October 31, spears and spear guns may be used to harvest smallmouth bass; and~~

~~(b) Use of bait is allowed.~~

~~(5) Effective September 13 through October 15, 2025, the following regulations apply all year.~~

(4) ~~In the Coquille River (Mainstem) from Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the Highway 42S Bridge at Sturdivant Park, effective September 19 through October 18, 2026.~~

(a) ~~The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish;~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period; and~~

~~(c) The daily wild jack coho salmon bag limit is one fish.~~

~~(6) Effective September 13 through October 15, 2025, the following regulations apply from the Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to the Hwy 42S bridge at Sturdivant Park.~~

~~(a) The daily adult salmon bag limit is two fish; and~~

~~(b) Retention of wild Chinook is prohibited; and~~

~~(d) Open for hatchery Chinook salmon.~~

(75) All other permanent rules for the Southwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162

AMEND: 635-016-0520

RULE SUMMARY: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) will consider modifications to recreational angling regulations for coastal streams for 2026 fall salmon seasons. If adopted, the provisional rules modify existing fishing regulations for the following bays, rivers, and tributaries within the NW and SW zones: Necanicum, Nehalem, Tillamook, Nestucca, Salmon, Yaquina, Siletz, Alsea, Beaver Cr., Yachats, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Coos, Coquille, Floras Cr./New River, Sixes, Elk, Hunter Cr., Pistol, Chetco, and Winchuck. Modifications to the provisional rules may occur prior to the Commission meeting based on additional analysis of expected returns and fishery impacts and consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The provisional rules and further modifications, if any, will be published to the ODFW Fall Coastal Salmon Management webpage. The Commission may decide not to adopt the proposed rules or may amend one or more of the proposed rules including amendments that may affect other bays, rivers, and tributaries.

In addition to Commission approval, wild Coho salmon fisheries are subject to annual review and approval from NMFS because Oregon Coast Natural Coho salmon remain listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Thus, implementation of the proposed wild Coho salmon fisheries are contingent upon NMFS' approval.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-016-0520

South Coast District

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Southwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.¶

~~(2) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in Floras Creek and New River. In Floras Creek and New River from the mouth to bridge at MP 1.5 on Floras Creek Rd. effective August 1 through December 31.¶~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and¶~~

~~(b) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.¶~~

~~(3) Effective November 1 through November 30, 2025, the following regulations apply in New River and in Floras Creek. In Floras Creek and New River from the BLM boat ramp at Storm Ranch upstream to the confluence of Floras Creek and Floras Lake outlet, effective November 1 through December 31, 2026.¶~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;¶~~

~~(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and¶~~

~~(c) The daily wild jack coho salmon bag limit is one fish.¶~~

~~(4) Effective July 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Sixes River. In the Sixes River from the mouth to Edson Creek, effective July 1 through December 31.¶~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and¶~~

~~(b) No more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period;¶~~

~~(c) From October 1 through November 3, the Sixes River is closed to all angling from the Hughes House Boat Ramp upstream to the mouth of Crystal Creek; and¶~~

~~(d) From October 1 through December 31, closed to all angling from Edson Creek upstream to the South Fork Sixes River.¶~~

~~(5) Effective July 1 through December 31, the Elk River is closed to angling for and retention of all wild Chinook salmon.¶~~

~~(6) Effective October 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in Hunter Creek. In Hunter Creek from the mouth to Mateer, effective October 1 through December 31.¶~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and¶~~

~~(b) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period.¶~~

~~(7) Effective September 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Chetco River, Pistol River, and Winchuck River. In the Chetco River, Pistol River from the mouth to Deep Creek, and Winchuck River from the mouth to Wheeler Creek, effective September 1 through December 31.¶~~

~~(a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and¶~~

~~(b) No more than five adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period.¶~~

~~(8) All other permanent rules for the Southwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing~~

Regulations, remain in effect.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162