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**DIVISION 500
FISH MANAGEMENT PLANS**

[Coastal Chinook Salmon Management

635-500-0130

Coastal Chinook Management Objectives

The Department shall proceed with programs and other efforts to achieve the following objectives for coastal chinook salmon, consistent with applicable law, agency policy and rule, and budget limitations for the agency. The Coastal Chinook Management Plan will provide specific guidance for the production, harvest, and management of chinook salmon that originate in coastal river basins, consistent with these objectives:

- (1) Maintain healthy populations of wild chinook salmon in coastal river basins.
- (2) Produce hatchery chinook salmon for specific fishery contribution purposes.
- (3) Develop comprehensive management programs to protect chinook habitat in coastal river basins.
- (4) Describe and manage gene resources represented in coastal chinook hatchery populations.
- (5) Develop a genetic resource inventory database for wild populations of coastal chinook.
- (6) Protect wild coastal chinook populations from detrimental genetic interactions with hatchery populations.
- (7) Minimize detrimental genetic impacts of harvest on coastal chinook salmon populations.
- (8) Minimize detrimental genetic changes in coastal chinook populations that may be caused by habitat alteration projects.]

[635-500-0135

Harvest Management Policy

The Department shall annually recommend harvest regulations for ocean mixed stock and terminal area fisheries consistent with:

- (1) Providing access by fisheries to harvestable surpluses of chinook salmon that may exist.
- (2) Maintaining traditional in-river fisheries in most coastal river basins.
- (3) Meeting spawning escapement goals in wild coastal chinook populations.]

[635-500-0140

Enhancement Policy

(1) The Department shall design and conduct management programs for chinook salmon in coastal river basins consistent with minimizing reliance on artificial propagation for:

- (a) Supporting fisheries;
- (b) Mitigating habitat loss; and
- (c) Rehabilitating depressed populations.

(2) Basin management plans, when prepared or revised, shall address management activities necessary for conservation of sensitive or depressed chinook populations before addressing management activities designed to increase fish abundance in healthy chinook populations.]



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40 **[635-500-0145**

41 **Stock Transfer**

42 The following operating principles shall be used to determine whether or not to transfer chinook salmon from one
43 coastal population to another:

44 (1) Populations to which these principles apply are identified by the provisional wild fish population list (OAR 635-
45 007-0529).

46 (2) The general rule is that coastal chinook salmon shall not be transferred between populations in coastal river
47 basins.

48 (3) Where a coastal river basin historically has not supported a wild chinook population, a biologically suitable
49 donor stock may be transferred there after the Commission approves a Basin Management Plan that documents
50 the fishery and biological objectives, evaluation criteria, monitoring, and the terms and conditions that shall be
51 fulfilled in conducting the program.

52 (4) Where the Commission determines that an indigenous chinook population is extinct in a coastal river basin, a
53 biologically suitable donor stock may be transferred there to reestablish a self-sustaining chinook population.]

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55 **[635-500-0150**

56 **Implementation of Coastal Chinook Management Plan**

57 Progress toward implementing the Coastal Chinook Management Plan and achieving management objectives for
58 coastal chinook shall be reported to the Commission during the first six months of each biennium, prior to
59 preparation of the next Department biennial budget. The implementation report shall include the following
60 information:]

61 [(1) A predicted timetable for initiating or completing each action item.

62 (2) Identification and description of problems preventing the Department from achieving specific action items.

63 (3) A description of the short- and long-term strategies and associated funding necessary to solve these problems.

64 (4) A compilation of review comments from the public on the implementation report.]

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66 **[635-500-0175**

67 **South Fork Umpqua River – Winter Steelhead**

68 The goal of the Wild Fish Management Plan for South Umpqua River winter steelhead is a maximum of 30%
69 hatchery fish on spawning grounds. This goal will be achieved by the following strategies:

70 (1) Use local broodstock.

71 (2) Construct smolt acclimation/imprinting and adult recapture facilities.

72 (3) Release 120,000 hatchery smolts/year.]

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74 **635-500-0200**

75 **Management Objectives for North Umpqua River Below Soda Springs Dam**

76 The Department of Fish and Wildlife will emphasize summer and winter steelhead and spring chinook in the North
77 Umpqua River below Soda Springs Dam. Coho shall be managed for the production of naturally produced coho



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- 78 with an option for a hatchery program consistent with provisions in OAR 635-500-6500 (Oregon Coast Coho
79 Conservation Plan for the State of Oregon). Fall Chinook [populations] will be emphasized in other areas where
80 better habitat exists. The Department shall proceed with programs and other efforts to achieve the following
81 objectives, consistent with state law, agency policy and rule, and recognizing funding priorities for the agency. [The
82 North Umpqua Salmonid Management Plan will provide a basis for management activities in the subbasin.] The
83 following objectives will govern management of salmonid populations in the North Umpqua River basin below
84 Soda Springs Dam.
- 85 (1) **All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in this area are addressed**
86 **in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-500-6575).** [Summer Steelhead:
87 (a) Manage summer steelhead in the North Umpqua for wild and hatchery fish (Wild Fish Policy option 2 OAR
88 635-007-0525);
89 (b) Enhance wild summer steelhead runs to increase the current level of steelhead passing Winchester Dam
90 (short-term goal);
91 (c) Based on the long-term objectives of the USFS and ODFW fish habitat improvement plans, enhance wild
92 summer steelhead runs to increase the level of steelhead passing Winchester Dam to a range of 6,000 to 8,000
93 fish (long term +20 years);
94 (d) Increase numbers of hatchery summer steelhead adults to a range of 5,000-10,000 crossing Winchester Dam;
95 (e) Maintain the genetic integrity of North Umpqua summer steelhead consistent with the Wild Fish Policy, OAR
96 635-007-0525.
- 97 (2) Winter Steelhead:
98 (a) Manage North Umpqua winter steelhead for wild fish only (option #1 OAR 635-007-0525);
99 (b) Enhance wild winter steelhead runs to increase current levels passing Winchester Dam (short-term goal);
100 (c) Based on the long-term objectives of the USFS and ODFW habitat improvement plans, enhance wild winter
101 steelhead runs to increase levels passing Winchester Dam to a range of 8,000-10,000 fish;
102 (d) Maintain genetic integrity of North Umpqua winter steelhead consistent with the Wild Fish Policy, OAR 635-
103 007-0525.
- 104 (3) Spring Chinook:
105 (a) Manage spring chinook in the North Umpqua River for wild and hatchery fish (option #2 OAR 635-007-0525);
106 (b) At least maintain wild spring chinook runs at current levels (average of 6,034);
107 (c) Increase numbers of hatchery spring chinook back up to a range of 4,000-7,000 fish crossing Winchester Dam;
108 (d) Maintain the genetic integrity of North Umpqua spring chinook as consistent with the Wild Fish Policy, OAR
109 635-007-0525.
- 110 (4) Fall Chinook:
111 (a) Manage fall chinook in the North Umpqua River for wild fish only (option #1 OAR 635-007-0525);
112 (b) Maintain wild fall chinook runs at least at current levels (+100 fish);]
113 [(5)] **(2)** Coho:



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114 (a) Recover the naturally produced coho population in the North Umpqua River Basin consistent with the six
115 measurable criteria for desired status contained in OAR 635-500-6500 (Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan for
116 the State of Oregon).

117 (b) Recover Umpqua River Basin naturally produced coho salmon sufficiently to prevent restrictions on fisheries
118 targeting other species or fin clipped hatchery coho, and sufficiently to provide for future harvest in the North
119 Umpqua Basin consistent with OAR 635-500-6500 (Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan for the State of
120 Oregon).

121 [(6) Trout:

122 (a) Manage resident trout in the North Umpqua River for wild and hatchery fish (option #2 OAR 635-007-0525);

123 (b) Maintain a trout fishery at about the present level; 25,000 to 35,000 angler days per year with a catch rate of
124 0.6 to 0.7 trout per hour;

125 (c) Attempt to determine the cause for the current depressed state of the migratory wild cutthroat population. If
126 possible, increase the run to more normal levels.]

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128 **Coos River Basin Fish Management**

129 **Operating Principles and Objectives**

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131 **635-500-0385**

132 **Organization of Rules**

133 Administrative rules for the Coos River basin contained in OAR 635-500-0390 through 635-500-0480 apply to all
134 waters of the Coos River basin. **All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout**
135 **in this basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-**
136 **500-6575).**

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138 **[Habitat**

139 **635-500-0390**

140 **Habitat**

141 (1) The following operating principles apply:

142 (a) Habitat protection and enhancement activities shall be carried out within the guidelines of the Department's
143 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Policy and the Habitat Management Goals of the Department's Anadromous
144 Fish Management Plan;

145 (b) Habitat degradation potentially leading to losses of fish production shall be minimized or prevented throughout
146 the Coos River system;

147 (c) The Department shall coordinate with appropriate land and water use management agencies on habitat
148 protection and enhancement activities, and shall continue to act in an advisory role to such agencies to promote
149 habitat protection;

150 (d) Coos County has an Estuary Management Plan, acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development
151 Commission. Department habitat management programs shall be consistent with this Estuary Plan. The



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152 Department recognizes that the acknowledged Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan regulates aquaculture
153 activities as required by the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Where the Department has
154 jurisdiction, the Department, therefore, shall consider only those commercial aquaculture facilities which are
155 consistent with the local plan after the appropriate jurisdiction has made such a determination.

156 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:

157 (a) Protect estuarine and freshwater habitat;

158 (b) Enhance and restore estuarine and tidewater habitat to meet the fish production and shellfish objectives for the
159 Coos River system;

160 (c) Restore and enhance freshwater habitat to meet the production objectives for fish species in the basin.]

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162 **[Finfish**

163 **635-500-0400**

164 **Fall Chinook Salmon**

165 (1) The following operating principles apply to fall chinook salmon in the Coos River basin:

166 (a) Fall chinook salmon in the Coos River basin shall be managed for wild fish. Hatchery releases shall be
167 consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy;

168 (b) The fall chinook salmon stock approved for the Coos River system is Coos River stock only;

169 (c) Wild stock shall be incorporated in Department broodstock and rearing programs every year;

170 (d) Programs that approach the limits of the Wild Fish Management Policy shall be modified or reduced
171 proportionately to maintain compliance with the policy.

172 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:

173 (a) Maintain the existing estimated naturally produced spawning population of 4,500 to 9,000 locally adapted fall
174 chinook salmon with a long-term target return of 38,000 adults back to the system from a combined program of
175 wild and hatchery production;

176 (b) Provide for an ocean harvest with a high contribution to Oregon and an in-river recreational harvest of up to
177 40% of the wild fall chinook salmon that return to the Coos River basin and provide for an increased ocean harvest
178 with a high contribution to Oregon and a 25% in-river recreational harvest for the hatchery stock in the basin;

179 (c) Assure that operation of the aquaculture facility on North Spit meets fishery management objectives and
180 complies with the Wild Fish Management Policy.]

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182 **[635-500-0405**

183 **Spring Chinook Salmon**

184 (1) The following operating principles apply to spring chinook salmon in the Coos River basin:

185 (a) Spring chinook salmon shall be managed for hatchery fish consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy;

186 (b) Releases from the private hatchery facility on North Spit shall be with a stock acceptable to the Department
187 and consistent with a Department approved operating plan;

188 (c) Programs that approach the limits of the Wild Fish Management Policy shall be modified or reduced
189 proportionately to maintain compliance with the policy.



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190 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to assure that the spring
191 chinook salmon program at the aquaculture facility on North Spit complies with the Wild Fish Management Policy.]
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193 **[635-500-0415**

194 **Chum Salmon**

195 (1) The following operating principle applies to chum salmon in the Coos River basin: Chum salmon shall be
196 managed for wild fish consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy. Hatchery fish shall not be released within
197 the basin.

198 (2) In accordance with this operating principle, it is the objective of the Department to manage chum salmon
199 through habitat restoration for a target return level of 500 wild adults.]
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201 **[635-500-0420**

202 **Winter Steelhead**

203 (1) The following operating principles apply to winter steelhead in the Coos River basin:

204 (a) Steelhead shall be managed for wild fish. Hatchery releases shall be consistent with the Wild Fish
205 Management Policy;

206 (b) Only locally adapted stock shall be used for enhancement. Asea stock and the Coos-Coquille "regional" stock
207 shall be phased out;

208 (c) Wild stock shall be incorporated in Department broodstock and rearing programs every year;

209 (d) Programs that approach the limits of the Wild Fish Management Policy shall be modified or reduced
210 proportionately to maintain compliance with the policy.

211 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:

212 (a) Increase the existing estimated natural spawning population of locally adapted steelhead to a minimum return
213 level of 6,000 adults and increase the population above this level where the production capacity of present or
214 enhanced habitat allows in the Coos River basin;

215 (b) Utilize supplementation with hatchery releases of locally adapted stock to increase the in-river sport fishery;

216 (c) Maintain an average harvest of 2,000 adult winter steelhead in the Coos River basin as measured by analysis
217 of the salmon-steelhead catch card data.]
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219 **[635-500-0425**

220 **Cutthroat Trout**

221 (1) The following operating principle applies to cutthroat trout in the Coos River basin: Cutthroat trout shall be
222 managed for wild fish consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy. Hatchery fish shall not be released within
223 the basin.

224 (2) In accordance with this operating principle, it is the objective of the Department to:

225 (a) Maintain a return level that will allow a self-sustaining population of 4,000 to 5,000 cutthroat trout and continue
226 to provide angling opportunity for sea-run and resident cutthroat trout while attempting to increase the wild
227 population through habitat improvement;



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228 (b) Increase our understanding of cutthroat trout populations.]

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230 **Tenmile Lakes Basin Fish Management**

231 **Operating Principles and Objectives**

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233 **635-500-0500**

234 **Organization of Rules**

235 Administrative rules for the Tenmile Lakes basin contained in OAR 635-500-0505 through 635-500-0565 apply to
236 all waters of the Tenmile Lakes basin. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and
237 cutthroat trout in this basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management
238 Plan (OAR 635-500-6575).

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240 **[Habitat**

241 **635-500-0505**

242 **Habitat**

243 (1) The following operating principle applies: Habitat protection and enhancement activities shall be consistent with
244 the Department's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection Policy and the Habitat Management Goals of the
245 Department's Anadromous Fish Management Plan.

246 (2) In accordance with this operating principle, it is the objective of the Department to:

247 (a) Protect existing habitat from further degradation by activities on agricultural, forest, and residential lands;

248 (b) Restore degraded lake, stream, and riparian habitats;

249 (c) Protect Tenmile Estuary from further degradation by human activities;

250 (d) Support management of aquatic vegetation in the lakes to balance fish habitat needs and nuisance effects of
251 vegetation on fishermen, boaters, property owners, and other activities.]

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253 **[635-500-0515**

254 **Winter Steelhead**

255 (1) The following operating principles apply to winter steelhead in the Tenmile Lakes basin:

256 (a) Winter steelhead in the Tenmile Lakes basin shall be managed for wild fish with hatchery releases consistent
257 with the Wild Fish Management Policy;

258 (b) Programs that approach the limits of the Wild Fish Management Policy shall be modified or reduced
259 proportionately to maintain compliance with the Policy.

260 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:

261 (a) Increase the natural production of steelhead in tributaries of Tenmile and North Tenmile Lakes by creating
262 additional rearing habitat to be colonized by wild juveniles, resulting in an average run of at least 400 wild

263 spawners and supplement the population above this level with hatchery production to a minimum average annual
264 catch of 600 fish from releases in Eel Lake and possibly Saunders Creek;



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265 (b) Provide a recreational fishery in the Tenmile Lakes basin to harvest up to 10% of the wild steelhead and as
266 many hatchery steelhead as possible.]

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268 **[635-500-0520**

269 **Cutthroat Trout**

270 (1) The following operating principle applies to cutthroat trout in the Tenmile Lakes basin: Cutthroat trout shall be
271 managed for wild fish consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy. Hatchery fish shall not be released within
272 the Tenmile basin.

273 (2) In accordance with this operating principle, it is the objective of the Department to:

274 (a) Increase the wild population through habitat restoration while allowing a consumptive fishery for sea-run and
275 resident cutthroat trout;

276 (b) Increase the understanding of abundance, distribution, and life history of cutthroat trout populations.]

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278 **Yaquina River Basin Fish Management**

279 **Operating Principles and Objectives**

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281 **635-500-0600**

282 **Organization of Rules**

283 Administrative rules for the Yaquina River basin contained in OAR 635-500-0605 through 635-500-0685 apply to
284 all waters of the Yaquina River basin. **All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat**

285 **trout in this basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR**

286 **635-500-6575).**

287

288 **[Habitat**

289 **635-500-0605**

290 **Habitat**

291 (1) The following operating principles apply:

292 (a) Habitat protection and enhancement activities shall be carried out with the guidelines of the Department's Fish
293 and Wildlife Habitat Protection Policy and the Habitat Management Goals of the Department's Anadromous Fish
294 Management Plan;

295 (b) Habitat degradation potentially leading to losses of fish production shall be minimized or prevented throughout
296 the Yaquina River basin;

297 (c) The Department shall coordinate with appropriate land and water use management agencies on habitat
298 protection and enhancement activities, and shall continue to act in an advisory role to such agencies to promote
299 habitat protection.

300 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:

301 (a) Protect estuarine habitat;



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- 302 (b) Enhance and restore estuaries and tidewater habitat to meet the fish production and shellfish objectives for the
- 303 Yaquina River system;
- 304 (c) Protect freshwater habitat;
- 305 (d) Restore and enhance riparian and in-stream habitats to help achieve natural production objectives for fish in
- 306 the basin.]

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308 **[Finfish**

309 **635-500-0610**

310 **Chinook Salmon**

311 (1) The following operating principles apply to chinook salmon in the Yaquina River basin:

312 (a) Fall chinook salmon shall be managed for wild production consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy

313 (OAR 635-007-0501 through 635-007-0529). Hatchery chinook may be released into the basin, provided releases

314 are also consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy;

315 (b) The fall chinook salmon stock approved for use in the Yaquina River basin is Yaquina. No spring chinook

316 salmon stock is approved for release.

317 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:

318 (a) Maintain an estimated run size of 3,600 locally adapted fall chinook salmon;

319 (b) Provide the opportunity for the recreational fishery to harvest 1,000 hatchery fish.]

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321 **[635-500-0620**

322 **Chum Salmon**

323 (1) The following operating principle applies to chum salmon in the Yaquina River basin: Chum salmon shall be

324 managed for wild production, consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy (OAR 635-007-0525 through 635-

325 007-0529). No hatchery fish shall be released in the basin, except that the Department may approve the use of

326 hatchery chum salmon if needed for stock restoration as defined in OAR 635-007-0501.

327 (2) In accordance with this operating principle, it is the objective of the Department to maintain a chum salmon run

328 of at least 100 adults to Mill Creek and its tributaries and increase the population size if present or enhanced

329 habitat allows.]

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331 **[635-500-0625**

332 **Winter Steelhead**

333 (1) The following operating principles apply to winter steelhead in the Yaquina River basin:

334 (a) Winter steelhead shall be managed for wild production, consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy (OAR

335 635-007-0525 through 635-007-0529). Hatchery winter steelhead may be released into the basin provided

336 releases are consistent with the Wild Fish Management Policy;

337 (b) Steelhead stocks approved for use in the Yaquina River basin are Alsea winter and Yaquina winter;

338 (c) Programs that challenge the limits of the Wild Fish Management Policy shall be modified or reduced

339 proportionately to maintain compliance with the Policy.



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- 340 (2) In accordance with these operating principles, it is the objective of the Department to:
- 341 (a) Maintain the production of wild steelhead in the Yaquina River basin at an average annual minimum of 1,300
- 342 adults;
- 343 (b) Design and implement a hatchery program that will be compatible with requirements of the Wild Fish
- 344 Management Policy;
- 345 (c) Maintain a harvest rate of no more than 20% on wild fish. The harvest rate on hatchery fish shall be equal or
- 346 greater than the harvest rate on wild fish.]

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348 **[635-500-0630**

349 **Cutthroat Trout**

- 350 (1) The following operating principle applies to cutthroat trout in the Yaquina River basin: Cutthroat trout shall be
- 351 managed for wild production in accordance with the Wild Fish Management Policy (OAR 635-007-0525 through
- 352 635-007-0529) and the statewide Trout Plan (ODFW 1987) (OAR 635-500-0100 through 635-500-0120) under the
- 353 basic yield alternative.
- 354 (2) In accordance with this operating principle, it is the objective of the Department to:
- 355 (a) Maintain the health of the wild populations of resident and sea-run cutthroat trout by protecting genetic diversity
- 356 and adaptiveness of subpopulations, avoiding reduction in the distribution of the species, and maintaining multiple
- 357 age distribution of stocks;
- 358 (b) Maintain harvest at a level of approximately 20% of the harvestable population.]

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360 **MID-COAST SMALL OCEAN TRIBUTARY STREAMS FISH MANAGEMENT**

361 **Policies and Objectives**

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363 **[635-500-4010**

364 **Organization of Rules**

365 Administrative rules for the mid-coast small ocean tributary streams are contained in OAR 635-500-4020

366 through 635-500-4100. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in

367 these streams are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-

368 500-6575). [organized as follows:

- 369 (1) OAR 635-500-4020 covers mid-coast small ocean tributary streams, all waters.
- 370 (2) OAR 635-500-4030 covers habitat management.
- 371 (3) OAR 635-500-4040 covers fall chinook.
- 372 (4) OAR 635-500-4050 covers coho salmon.
- 373 (5) OAR 635-500-4060 covers winter steelhead.
- 374 (6) OAR 635-500-4070 covers cutthroat trout.
- 375 (7) OAR 635-500-4080 covers pacific lamprey.
- 376 (8) OAR 635-500-4090 covers crayfish.
- 377 (9) OAR 635-500-4100 covers public access.]



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380 **Habitat Management**

381 Policies and objectives for habitat management in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams.

382 (1) Policies:

383 (a) The Department shall actively pursue and promote habitat protection and improvement necessary to achieve
384 the objectives for management of the basins' aquatic resources;

385 (b) The Department shall coordinate with and advise landowners and management agencies of mid-coast small
386 ocean tributary basins;

387 (c) Habitat protection shall be emphasized over habitat restoration and enhancement;

388 (d) Potential losses of fish production from habitat alteration shall be prevented or reduced to the extent possible.

389 (2) Objectives:

390 (a) Maintain or increase in-stream flows during summer low-flow periods in mid-coast small ocean tributary basins;

391 (b) Reduce summer water temperatures where artificial warming occurs that is detrimental to fish;

392 (c) Increase in-stream channel complexity in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams;

393 (d) Reduce artificially accelerated erosion rates and inputs of sediments into waterways in mid-coast small ocean
394 tributary basins;

395 (e) Prevent chemical contaminants from degrading fish habitat in mid-coast small ocean tributary basins;

396 (f) Protect natural fish passage conditions in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams;

397 (g) Increase habitat area available to fish in mid-coast small ocean tributary basins;

398 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and landowners to implement habitat protection and restoration activities.]

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400 **[635-500-4040**

401 **Fall Chinook**

402 Policy and objective for fall chinook management in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams.

403 (1) Policy: Fall chinook in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams shall be managed for wild production only.

404 (2) Objective: Develop an information base and methodology for measuring and monitoring the status of fall
405 chinook salmon in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams.]

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407 **[635-500-4060**

408 **Winter Steelhead**

409 Policy and objectives for winter steelhead management in the mid-coast small ocean tributary streams.

410 (1) Policy: Mid-coast small ocean tributary streams shall be managed for wild production of winter steelhead.

411 (2) Objectives:

412 (a) Increase production of wild winter steelhead;

413 (b) Develop an information base and methodology for measuring and monitoring natural production of winter
414 steelhead in mid-coast small ocean tributary streams over the next five years;



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415 (c) Provide catch-and-release angling opportunities for wild winter steelhead in mid-coast small-ocean tributary
416 basins.]

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418 **[635-500-4070**

419 **Cutthroat Trout**

420 Policy and objectives for cutthroat trout management in the mid-coast small-ocean tributary streams.

421 (1) Policy: Cutthroat trout in stream reaches of mid-coast small-ocean tributary streams shall be managed for wild
422 production only.

423 (2) Objectives:

424 (a) Maintain the existing distribution and density of cutthroat trout in mid-coast small-ocean tributary streams;

425 (b) Re-establish spring, summer and early fall consumptive angling opportunities for cutthroat trout in small-ocean
426 tributary streams, when populations warrant.]

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428 **SALMON RIVER BASIN FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

429 **Policies and Objectives**

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431 **635-500-4310**

432 **Organization of Rules**

433 Administrative rules for the Salmon River Basin fish management plan are contained in OAR 635-500-4320

434 through 635-500-4410. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in this

435 basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-500-

436 6575). [organized as follows:

437 (1) OAR 635-500-4320 covers Salmon River Basin, all waters.

438 (2) OAR 635-500-4330 covers habitat management.

439 (3) OAR 635-500-4340 covers chum salmon.

440 (4) OAR 635-500-4350 covers fall chinook.

441 (5) OAR 635-500-4360 covers coho salmon.

442 (6) OAR 635-500-4370 covers winter steelhead.

443 (7) OAR 635-500-4380 covers cutthroat trout.

444 (8) OAR 635-500-4390 covers pacific lamprey.

445 (9) OAR 635-500-4400 covers crayfish.

446 (10) OAR 635-500-4410 covers public access.]

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448 **[635-500-4330**

449 **Habitat Management**

450 Policies and objectives for habitat management in Salmon River Basin.

451 (1) Policies:



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- 452 (a) The Department shall actively pursue and promote habitat protection and improvement necessary to achieve
- 453 the objectives for management of the basin's aquatic resources;
- 454 (b) The Department shall coordinate with and advise landowners and management agencies of the Salmon River
- 455 Basin;
- 456 (c) Habitat protection shall be emphasized over habitat restoration and enhancement;
- 457 (d) Potential losses of fish production from habitat alteration shall be prevented or reduced to the extent possible.
- 458 (2) Objectives:
- 459 (a) Maintain or increase in-stream flows during summer low flow periods in the Salmon River Basin;
- 460 (b) Reduce summer water temperatures where artificial warming occurs that is detrimental to fish;
- 461 (c) Increase in-stream channel complexity in the Salmon River Basin;
- 462 (d) Reduce artificially accelerated erosion rates and inputs of sediments into waterways in the Salmon River Basin;
- 463 (e) Prevent chemical contaminants from degrading fish habitat in the Salmon River Basin;
- 464 (f) Restore natural fish passage conditions in the Salmon River Basin;
- 465 (g) Increase habitat area available to fish in the Salmon River Basin;
- 466 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and landowners to implement habitat protection and restoration activities.]

467
468 **[635-500-4340**

469 **Chum Salmon**

470 Policy and objective for chum salmon management in Salmon River Basin.

- 471 (1) Policy: Salmon River Basin shall be managed for natural production of chum salmon only except for hatchery
- 472 releases designed specifically to assist in the recovery of the wild population.
- 473 (2) Objective: Achieve an annual chum salmon spawning escapement of at least 300 adults.]

474
475 **[635-500-4350**

476 **Fall Chinook**

477 Policy and objectives for fall chinook management in the Salmon River Basin.

- 478 (1) Policy: Fall chinook in the Salmon River Basin shall be managed for wild and hatchery production.
- 479 (2) Objectives:
- 480 (a) Achieve an average annual spawning escapement of 1,000 naturally produced fall chinook spawners;
- 481 (b) Achieve 40,000 angler hours of effort and an average annual catch of 1,000 fall chinook in the in-river fishery;
- 482 (c) Maintain the fall chinook hatchery program to provide a representative indicator stock of Oregon coastal fall
- 483 chinook contributing to northern fisheries.]

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485 **[635-500-4370**

486 **Winter Steelhead**

487 Policies and objectives for winter steelhead management in the Salmon River Basin.

- 488 (1) Policies:



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489 (a) The Salmon River Basin shall be managed for wild winter steelhead with an option for a winter steelhead
490 hatchery program designed to augment fisheries in the future;

491 (b) Winter steelhead hatchery stocks that can be used in the Salmon River Basin are limited to a broodstock
492 developed from Salmon River natural winter steelhead.

493 (2) Objectives:

494 (a) Increase production of wild winter steelhead;

495 (b) Develop an information base and methodology for measuring and monitoring natural production of winter
496 steelhead in the Salmon River Basin over the next five years;

497 (c) Provide angling opportunities for wild or hatchery winter steelhead in the Salmon River Basin.]

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499 **[635-500-4380**

500 **Cutthroat Trout**

501 Policy and objectives for cutthroat trout management in the Salmon River Basin.

502 (1) Policy: Cutthroat trout in stream reaches of the Salmon River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.
503 Hatchery programs for trout shall be confined to lakes and reservoirs without substantial wild cutthroat trout
504 production.

505 (2) Objectives:

506 (a) Maintain the existing distribution and density of cutthroat trout in the Salmon River Basin;

507 (b) Re-establish spring, summer and early fall consumptive fishing opportunities for cutthroat trout in Salmon River
508 Basin streams, when populations warrant.]

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510 **SILETZ RIVER BASIN FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

511 **Policies and Objectives**

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513 **635-500-4510**

514 **Organization of Rules**

515 Administrative rules for the Siletz River Basin fish management plan are contained in OAR 635-500-4520

516 through 635-500-4640. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in this

517 basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-500-

518 6575). [organized as follows:

519 (1) OAR 635-500-4520 covers Siletz River Basin, all waters.

520 (2) OAR 635-500-4530 covers habitat management.

521 (3) OAR 635-500-4540 covers chum salmon.

522 (4) OAR 635-500-4550 covers fall chinook.

523 (5) OAR 635-500-4560 covers spring chinook.

524 (6) OAR 635-500-4570 covers coho salmon.

525 (7) OAR 635-500-4580 covers winter steelhead.

526 (8) OAR 635-500-4590 covers summer steelhead.



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- 527 (9) OAR 635-500-4600 covers cutthroat trout.
- 528 (10) OAR 635-500-4610 covers white and green sturgeon.
- 529 (11) OAR 635-500-4620 covers Pacific lamprey.
- 530 (12) OAR 635-500-4630 covers crayfish.
- 531 (13) OAR 635-500-4640 covers public access.]

532

533 **[635-500-4530**

534 **Habitat Management**

535 Policies and objectives for habitat management in the Siletz River Basin.

536 (1) Policies:

537 (a) The Department shall actively pursue and promote habitat protection and improvement necessary to achieve
538 the objectives for management of the basin's aquatic resources;

539 (b) The Department shall coordinate with and advise landowners and management agencies of the Siletz River
540 Basin;

541 (c) Habitat protection shall be emphasized over habitat restoration and enhancement;

542 (d) Potential losses of fish production from habitat alteration shall be prevented or reduced to the extent possible.

543 (2) Objectives:

544 (a) Maintain or increase in-stream flows during summer low flow periods in the Siletz River Basin;

545 (b) Reduce summer water temperatures where artificial warming occurs that is detrimental to fish;

546 (c) Increase in-stream channel complexity in the Siletz River Basin;

547 (d) Reduce artificially accelerated erosion rates and inputs of sediments into waterways in the Siletz River Basin;

548 (e) Prevent chemical contaminants from degrading fish habitat in the Siletz River Basin;

549 (f) Restore natural fish passage conditions in the Siletz River Basin;

550 (g) Increase habitat area available to fish in the Siletz River Basin;

551 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and landowners to implement habitat protection and restoration activities.]

552

553 **[635-500-4540**

554 **Chum Salmon**

555 Policy and objective for chum salmon management in the Siletz River Basin.

556 (1) Policy: The Siletz River Basin shall be managed for naturally produced chum salmon except for hatchery
557 releases designed specifically to assist in the recovery of the wild population.

558 (2) Objective: Achieve an annual chum salmon spawning escapement of at least 300 adults.]

559

560 **[635-500-4550**

561 **Fall Chinook**

562 Policy and objectives for fall chinook management in the Siletz River Basin.

563 (1) Policy: Fall chinook in the Siletz River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.

564 (2) Objectives:



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- 565 (a) Achieve an average annual peak count of 50 adult and jack-fall chinook per mile in spawning-survey index
- 566 areas in the Siletz River Basin;
- 567 (b) Provide a potential in-river harvest of 1,200 fall chinook annually;
- 568 (c) Cooperate with the Siletz Tribe in developing a mutually-acceptable fishery based on provisions in the
- 569 Agreement (US Public Law 96-340).]

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571 **[635-500-4560**

572 **Spring Chinook**

573 Policy and objectives for spring chinook management in the Siletz River Basin.

574 (1) Policy: Spring chinook in the Siletz River Basin shall be managed for wild production only, except for hatchery

575 programs specifically designed to assist recovering the wild population.

576 (2) Objectives:

577 (a) Achieve an annual spring chinook escapement of at least 300 adults with population components in both the

578 lower and upper parts of the basin;

579 (b) Achieve an in-river harvest of at least 50 spring chinook annually if the population exceeds 300 spawners and

580 is documented to be secure.]

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582 **[635-500-4580**

583 **Winter Steelhead**

584 Policies and objectives for winter steelhead in the Siletz River Basin.

585 (1) Policies:

586 (a) Winter steelhead in the Siletz River Basin shall be managed for wild and hatchery production;

587 (b) Winter steelhead hatchery stocks that can be used in the Siletz River Basin are limited to a broodstock

588 developed from naturally produced Siletz winter steelhead.

589 (2) Objectives:

590 (a) Increase production of wild winter steelhead in the Siletz River Basin below Siletz Falls from present levels;

591 (b) Develop an information base and methodology for measuring and monitoring natural production of winter

592 steelhead in the Siletz River Basin over the next five years;

593 (c) Provide an opportunity to catch an average of 1,500 hatchery winter steelhead in the Siletz River Basin;

594 (d) Provide angling opportunities for wild winter steelhead in the Siletz River Basin.]

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596 **[635-500-4590**

597 **Summer Steelhead**

598 Policies and objectives for summer steelhead management in the Siletz River Basin.

599 (1) Policies:

600 (a) Summer steelhead in the Siletz River Basin shall be managed for wild and hatchery production;

601 (b) Summer steelhead hatchery stocks that can be used in the Siletz River Basin are limited to the native Siletz

602 summer steelhead stock.



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- 603 (2) Objectives:
604 (a) Achieve a wild summer steelhead spawning escapement of 700 adults;
605 (b) Provide an opportunity to catch an average of 2,400 hatchery summer steelhead in the Siletz River Basin.]
606

607 **[635-500-4600**

608 **Cutthroat Trout**

609 Policy and objectives for cutthroat trout management in the Siletz River Basin:

610 (1) Policy: Cutthroat trout in stream reaches of the Siletz River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.
611 Hatchery programs for trout shall be confined to lakes and reservoirs without substantial wild cutthroat trout
612 production.

613 (2) Objectives:

- 614 (a) Maintain the existing distribution and density of wild cutthroat trout in the Siletz River Basin;
615 (b) Re-establish spring, summer and early fall fishing opportunities for cutthroat trout in Siletz River Basin streams,
616 when populations warrant.]
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618 **ALSEA RIVER BASIN FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

619 **Policies and Objectives**

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621 **635-500-4810**

622 **Organization of Rules**

623 Administrative rules for the Alsea River Basin fish management plan are contained in OAR 635-500-4820

624 through 635-500-4930. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in this

625 basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-500-

626 6575). [organized as follows:

627 (1) OAR 635-500-4820 covers Alsea River Basin, all waters.

628 (2) OAR 635-500-4830 covers habitat management.

629 (3) OAR 635-500-4840 covers chum salmon.

630 (4) OAR 635-500-4850 covers fall chinook.

631 (5) OAR 635-500-4860 covers spring chinook.

632 (6) OAR 635-500-4870 covers coho salmon.

633 (7) OAR 635-500-4880 covers winter steelhead.

634 (8) OAR 635-500-4890 covers cutthroat trout.

635 (9) OAR 635-500-4900 covers white and green sturgeon.

636 (10) OAR 635-500-4910 covers Pacific lamprey.

637 (11) OAR 635-500-4920 covers crayfish.

638 (12) OAR 635-500-4930 covers public access.]
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640 **[635-500-4830**



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641 **Habitat Management**

642 Policies and objectives for habitat management in the Alsea River Basin.

643 (1) Policies:

644 (a) The Department shall actively pursue and promote habitat protection and improvement necessary to achieve
645 the objectives for management of the basin's aquatic resources;

646 (b) The Department shall coordinate with and advise landowners and management agencies of the Alsea River
647 Basin;

648 (c) Habitat protection shall be emphasized over habitat restoration and enhancement;

649 (d) Potential losses of fish production from habitat alteration shall be prevented or reduced to the extent possible.

650 (2) Objectives:

651 (a) Maintain or increase in-stream flows during summer low flow periods in the Alsea River Basin;

652 (b) Reduce summer water temperatures where artificial warming occurs that is detrimental to fish;

653 (c) Increase in-stream channel complexity in the Alsea River Basin;

654 (d) Reduce artificially accelerated erosion rates and inputs of sediments into waterways in the Alsea River Basin;

655 (e) Prevent chemical contaminants from degrading fish habitat in the Alsea River Basin;

656 (f) Restore natural fish passage conditions in the Alsea River Basin;

657 (g) Increase habitat area available to fish in the Alsea River Basin;

658 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and landowners to implement habitat protection and restoration activities.]

659

660 **[635-500-4840**

661 **Chum Salmon**

662 Policy and objective for chum salmon management in the Alsea River Basin.

663 (1) Policy: The Alsea River Basin shall be managed for naturally produced chum salmon except for hatchery
664 releases designed specifically to assist in the recovery of the wild population.

665 (2) Objective: Achieve an annual chum salmon spawning escapement of at least 300 adults.]

666

667 **[635-500-4850**

668 **Fall Chinook**

669 Policy and objectives for fall chinook management in the Alsea River Basin.

670 (1) Policy: Fall chinook in the Alsea River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.

671 (2) Objectives:

672 (a) Achieve an average annual peak count of 80 adult and jack fall chinook per mile in spawning survey index
673 areas in the Alsea River Basin;

674 (b) Provide an annual average in-river harvest of 2,500 wild fall chinook.]

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676 **[635-500-4860**

677 **Spring Chinook**

678 Policy and objectives for spring chinook management in the Alsea River Basin.



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679 (1) Policy: Spring chinook in the Asea River Basin shall be managed for wild production only except for hatchery
680 programs specifically designed to recover the wild population.

681 (2) Objectives:

682 (a) Achieve an annual spring chinook escapement of at least 300 adults with population components in both the
683 lower and upper parts of the basin;

684 (b) If escapement levels are achieved, provide an opportunity to angle for spring chinook in the mainstem Asea
685 River below Five Rivers.]

686

687 **[635-500-4880**

688 **Winter Steelhead**

689 Policies and objectives for winter steelhead in the Asea River Basin.

690 (1) Policies:

691 (a) Winter steelhead in the Asea River Basin shall be managed for wild and hatchery production;

692 (b) Winter steelhead hatchery stocks that can be used in the Asea River Basin are limited to the Asea Hatchery
693 broodstock or a broodstock developed from native Asea winter steelhead.

694 (2) Objectives:

695 (a) Increase production of wild winter steelhead;

696 (b) Develop an information base and methodology for measuring and monitoring natural production of winter
697 steelhead in the Asea River Basin over the next five years;

698 (c) Provide an average annual catch of 2,400 hatchery winter steelhead in the Asea River Basin;

699 (d) Provide angling opportunities for wild winter steelhead in the Asea River Basin.]

700

701 **[635-500-4890**

702 **Cutthroat Trout**

703 Policy and objective for cutthroat trout management in the Asea River Basin.

704 (1) Policy: Cutthroat trout in stream reaches of the Asea River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.

705 Hatchery programs for trout shall be confined to lakes and reservoirs without substantial wild cutthroat trout
706 production.

707 (2) Objectives:

708 (a) Maintain at least the existing distribution, density and genetic diversity of wild cutthroat trout in the Asea River
709 Basin;

710 (b) Increase the searun cutthroat component of the cutthroat trout resource to levels comparable to those during
711 1966-70;

712 (c) Re-establish spring, summer and early fall consumptive angling opportunities for cutthroat trout in Asea River
713 Basin streams, when populations warrant;

714 (d) Provide additional angler opportunity to catch hatchery trout under the intensive use management alternative
715 for trout in Thistle Pond and Eckman Lake.]

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717 **YACHATS RIVER BASIN FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

718 **Policies and Objectives**

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720 **635-500-5010**

721 **Organization of Rules**

722 Administrative rules for the Yachats River Basin fish management plan are contained in OAR 635-500-4020
723 through 635-500-4100. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in this
724 basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-500-
725 6575). [organized as follows:

726 (1) OAR 635-500-5020 covers Yachats River Basin, all waters.

727 (2) OAR 635-500-5030 covers habitat management.

728 (3) OAR 635-500-5040 covers fall chinook.

729 (4) OAR 635-500-5050 covers chum salmon.

730 (5) OAR 635-500-5060 covers coho salmon.

731 (6) OAR 635-500-5070 covers winter steelhead.

732 (7) OAR 635-500-5080 covers cutthroat trout.

733 (8) OAR 635-500-5090 covers Pacific lamprey.

734 (9) OAR 635-500-5100 covers crayfish.

735 (10) OAR 635-500-5110 covers public access.]

736

737 **[635-500-5030**

738 **Habitat Management**

739 Policies and objectives for habitat management in the Yachats River Basin.

740 (1) Policies:

741 (a) The Department shall actively pursue and promote habitat protection and improvement necessary to achieve
742 the objectives for management of the basin's aquatic resources;

743 (b) The Department shall coordinate with and advise landowners and management agencies of the Yachats River
744 Basin;

745 (c) Habitat protection shall be emphasized over habitat restoration and enhancement;

746 (d) Potential losses of fish production from habitat alteration shall be prevented or reduced to the extent possible.

747 (2) Objectives:

748 (a) Maintain or increase in-stream flows during summer low flow periods in the Yachats River Basin;

749 (b) Reduce summer water temperatures where artificial warming occurs that is detrimental to fish;

750 (c) Increase in-stream channel complexity in the Yachats River Basin;

751 (d) Reduce artificially accelerated erosion rates and inputs of sediments into waterways in the Yachats River
752 Basin;

753 (e) Prevent chemical contaminants from degrading fish habitat in the Yachats River Basin;

754 (f) Protect natural fish passage conditions in the Yachats River Basin;



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- 755 (g) Increase habitat area available to fish in the Yachats River Basin;
- 756 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and landowners to implement habitat protection and restoration activities.]

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758 **[635-500-5040**

759 **Fall Chinook**

760 Policy and objectives for fall chinook management in the Yachats River Basin.

761 (1) Policy: Fall chinook in the Yachats River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.

762 (2) Objectives:

763 (a) Achieve spawning escapement of at least 300 spawners;

764 (b) Provide an opportunity to harvest an average of 40 fall chinook in the in-river fishery.]

765

766 **[635-500-5050**

767 **Chum Salmon**

768 Policy and objective for chum salmon management in the Yachats River Basin.

769 (1) Policy: Chum salmon in the Yachats River Basin shall be managed for natural production only.

770 (2) Objective: Determine if a self-sustaining natural population of chum salmon exists in the Yachats River Basin.]

771

772 **[635-500-5070**

773 **Winter Steelhead**

774 Policy and objectives for winter steelhead management in the Yachats River Basin.

775 (1) Policy: The Yachats River Basin shall be managed for wild production of winter steelhead.

776 (2) Objectives:

777 (a) Increase production of wild winter steelhead;

778 (b) Develop an informational base and methodology for measuring and monitoring wild winter steelhead in the
779 Yachats River Basin over the next five years;

780 (c) Provide catch and release angling opportunities for wild winter steelhead in the Yachats River Basin.]

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782 **[635-500-5080**

783 **Cutthroat Trout**

784 Policy and objectives for cutthroat trout management in the Yachats River Basin.

785 (1) Policy: Cutthroat trout in stream reaches of the Yachats River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.

786 (2) Objectives:

787 (a) Maintain or improve the existing distribution, density, and genetic diversity of cutthroat trout in the Yachats
788 River Basin;

789 (b) Re-establish spring, summer and early fall consumptive angling opportunities for cutthroat trout in Yachats
790 River Basin streams, when populations warrant.]

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792 **SIUSLAW RIVER BASIN FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN**



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793 **Policies and Objectives**

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795 **635-500-5210**

796 **Organization of Rules**

797 Administrative rules for the Siuslaw River Basin fish management plan are contained in OAR 635-500-5220
798 through 635-500-5340. All issues related to management of salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout in this
799 basin are addressed in the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (OAR 635-500-

800 6575). [organized as follows:

801 (1) OAR 635-500-5220 covers Siuslaw River Basin, all waters.

802 (2) OAR 635-500-5230 covers habitat management.

803 (3) OAR 635-500-5240 covers fall chinook.

804 (4) OAR 635-500-5250 covers spring chinook.

805 (5) OAR 635-500-5260 covers coho salmon.

806 (6) OAR 635-500-5270 covers chum salmon.

807 (7) OAR 635-500-5280 covers winter steelhead.

808 (8) OAR 635-500-5290 covers cutthroat trout.

809 (9) OAR 635-500-5300 covers American shad.

810 (10) OAR 635-500-5310 covers white and green sturgeon.

811 (11) OAR 635-500-5320 covers Pacific lamprey.

812 (12) OAR 635-500-5330 covers crayfish.

813 (13) OAR 635-500-5340 covers public access.]

814

815 **[635-500-5230**

816 **Habitat Management**

817 Policies and objectives for habitat management in the Siuslaw River Basin.

818 (1) Policies:

819 (a) The Department shall actively pursue and promote habitat protection and improvement necessary to achieve
820 the objectives for management of the basin's aquatic resources;

821 (b) The Department shall coordinate with and advise landowners and management agencies of the Siuslaw River
822 Basin;

823 (c) Habitat protection shall be emphasized over habitat restoration and enhancement;

824 (d) Potential losses of fish production from habitat alteration shall be prevented or reduced to the extent possible.

825 (2) Objectives:

826 (a) Maintain or increase in-stream flows during summer low flow periods in the Siuslaw River Basin;

827 (b) Reduce summer water temperatures where artificial warming occurs that is detrimental to fish;

828 (c) Increase in-stream channel complexity in the Siuslaw River Basin;

829 (d) Reduce artificially accelerated erosion rates and inputs of sediments into waterways in the Siuslaw River Basin;

830 (e) Prevent chemical contaminants from degrading fish habitat in the Siuslaw River Basin;



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- 831 (f) Restore natural fish passage conditions in the Siuslaw River Basin;
- 832 (g) Increase habitat area available to fish in the Siuslaw River Basin;
- 833 (h) Coordinate with other agencies and landowners to implement habitat protection and restoration activities.]

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835 **[635-500-5240**

836 **Fall Chinook**

837 Policies and objectives for fall chinook management in the Siuslaw River Basin.

838 (1) Policies:

839 (a) Fall chinook in the Siuslaw River Basin shall be managed for wild production only;

840 (b) The tidewater fishery for fall chinook in the Siuslaw River Basin shall have priority over the freshwater fishery.

841 (2) Objectives:

842 (a) Achieve an average annual peak count of 100 adult and jack fall chinook per mile in spawning survey index
843 areas in the Siuslaw River Basin;

844 (b) Provide an opportunity to harvest 2,500 fall chinook annually in the in-river fishery.]

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846 **[635-500-5250**

847 **Spring Chinook**

848 Policy and objective for spring chinook management in the Siuslaw River Basin.

849 (1) Policy: Spring chinook in the Siuslaw River Basin shall be managed for wild production only.

850 (2) Objective: Determine if a distinct population of wild spring chinook exists in the Siuslaw River Basin.]

851

852 **[635-500-5270**

853 **Chum Salmon**

854 Policy and objective for chum salmon management in the Siuslaw River Basin.

855 (1) Policy: Chum salmon in the Siuslaw River Basin shall be managed for natural production only.

856 (2) Objective: Determine if a self-sustaining natural population of chum salmon exists in the Siuslaw River Basin.]

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858 **[635-500-5280**

859 **Winter Steelhead**

860 Policies and objectives for winter steelhead management in the Siuslaw River Basin.

861 (1) Policies:

862 (a) Winter steelhead in the Siuslaw River Basin shall be managed for wild and hatchery production;

863 (b) Winter steelhead hatchery stocks that can be used in the Siuslaw River Basin are limited to Siuslaw winter
864 steelhead.

865 (2) Objectives:

866 (a) Increase production of wild winter steelhead;

867 (b) Develop an information base and methodology for measuring and monitoring natural production of winter
868 steelhead in the Siuslaw River Basin over the next five years;



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869 (c) Provide catch-and-release angling opportunities for wild winter steelhead in the Siuslaw River Basin;

870 (d) Provide for a consumptive harvest of 2,000 winter steelhead annually with a hatchery program.]

871

872 **[635-500-5290**

873 **Cutthroat Trout**

874 Policy and objectives for public access in the Siuslaw River Basin.

875 (1) Policy: Cutthroat trout in the Siuslaw River Basin shall be managed for wild production only. Hatchery programs
876 for trout shall be confined to lakes and reservoirs without substantial wild cutthroat trout production.

877 (2) Objectives:

878 (a) Maintain or improve the existing distribution and density, and genetic diversity of cutthroat trout population in
879 the Siuslaw River Basin;

880 (b) Restore the searun component of the cutthroat trout population to 1965-70 levels of abundance;

881 (c) Re-establish spring, summer and early fall consumptive angling opportunities for cutthroat trout in Siuslaw
882 River Basin streams, when populations warrant.]

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884 **[635-500-5400**

885 **Nestucca River – Winter Steelhead**

886 The goal of the Wild Fish Management Plan for Nestucca River winter steelhead is a maximum of 10% hatchery
887 fish on spawning grounds. This goal will be achieved by the following strategies:

888 (1) Transition to local broodstock within an interim period from the current non-local broodstock.

889 (2) Maintain hatchery release of 110,000 smolts/year.]

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