

Preliminary Options for 2016 Ocean Salmon Regulations

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2016 Ocean Salmon Regulations

- Process and Schedule
- Key Constraints
- Abundance Forecasts
- Season Options for public discussion

2016 Schedule

- Feb. 25 **Ocean Salmon Industry Group – Newport, OR**
- Mar. 9-14 **PFMC Adopted Options for 2016 – Sacramento, CA**
- Mar. 15 North of Cape Falcon #1 – Olympia, WA
- Mar. 17 **North of Cape Falcon – Columbia River #1 – Vancouver, WA**
- Mar. 18 **OFWC Briefing on 2016 Fishery Options**
- Mar. 28 **PFMC Public Options Hearing - Coos Bay, OR**
- Mar. 30 North of Cape Falcon #2 – Ocean/Puget Sound – Lynnwood, WA
- Apr. 6 **North of Cape Falcon – Ocean/Columbia River #2 – Olympia, WA**
- Apr. 9-14 **PFMC Adopts 2016 Regulations - Vancouver, WA**
- Apr. 22 **OFWC Adopts 2016 Ocean Salmon Regulations**
- May 1 NMFS implements federal regulation

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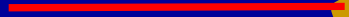
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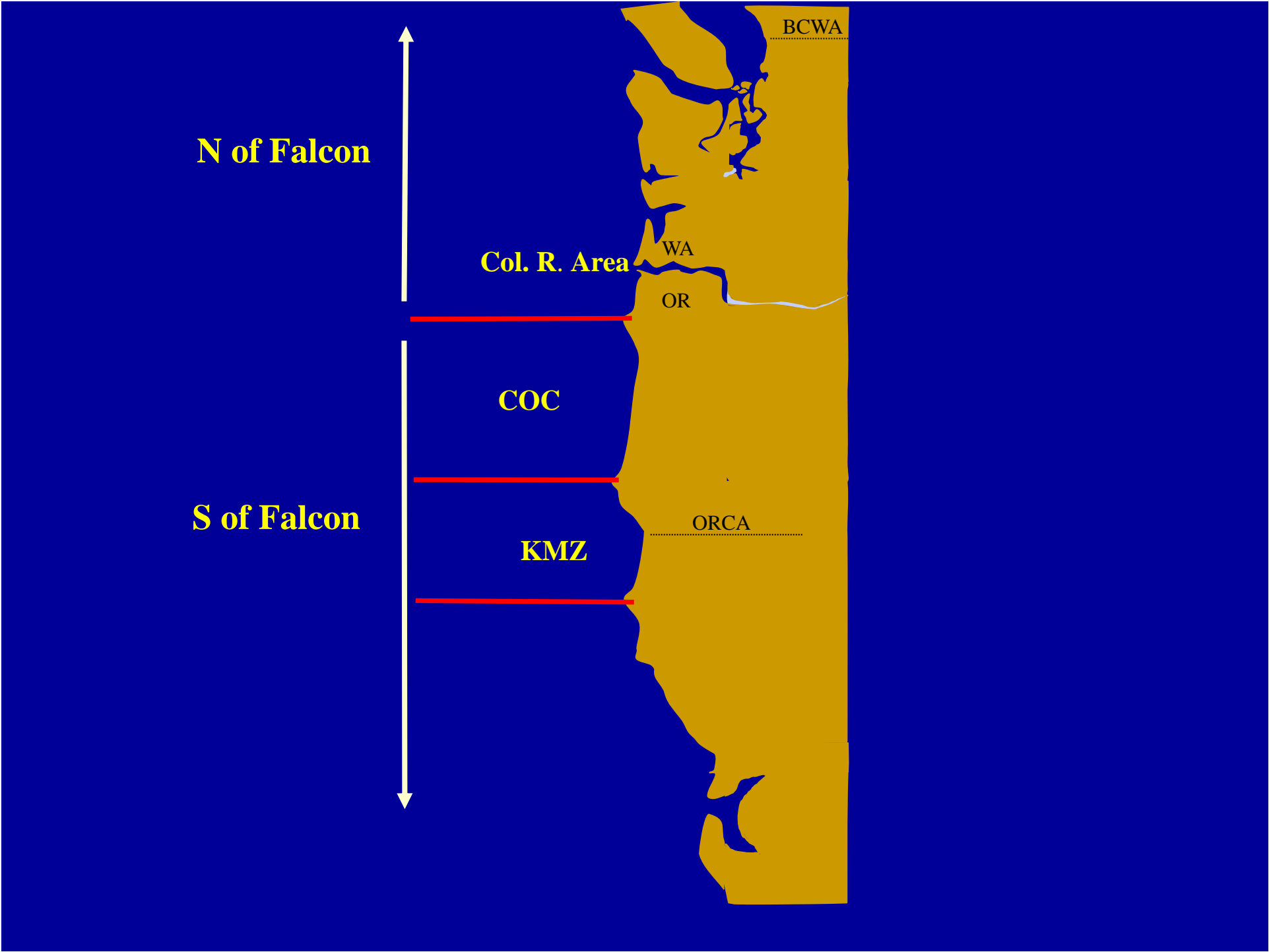


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Klamath Fall Chinook

- 2016 pre-season forecast
 - 93,400 age 3
 - 45,100 age 4
 - 3,700 age 5
- **2016 escapement goal is 30,900 natural spawners**

March In-season Action on Commercial Troll

Cape Falcon South to Or/Ca Border

- Season will start April 8, NOT March 15
- May 1 + season alternatives under development

L. Columbia and OR Coastal Coho

- 2016 Forecasts
 - Columbia 380,600
 - Includes LCN 40,000
 - OCN 152,700

Washington Coho

- 2015 returns very poor.
- 2016 forecasts very low.
- Under the “0 option” for NOF ocean fisheries:
 - Escapements for coastal stocks (Quillayute, Hoh, and Queets) are still below escapement goals.
 - Exploitation rates for Puget Sound stocks still exceed overall limits; require large modifications to inside impacts compared to 2015 fisheries.
- Discussions of in-river/inside fisheries are just beginning.

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