

Preliminary Options for 2018 Ocean Salmon Regulations

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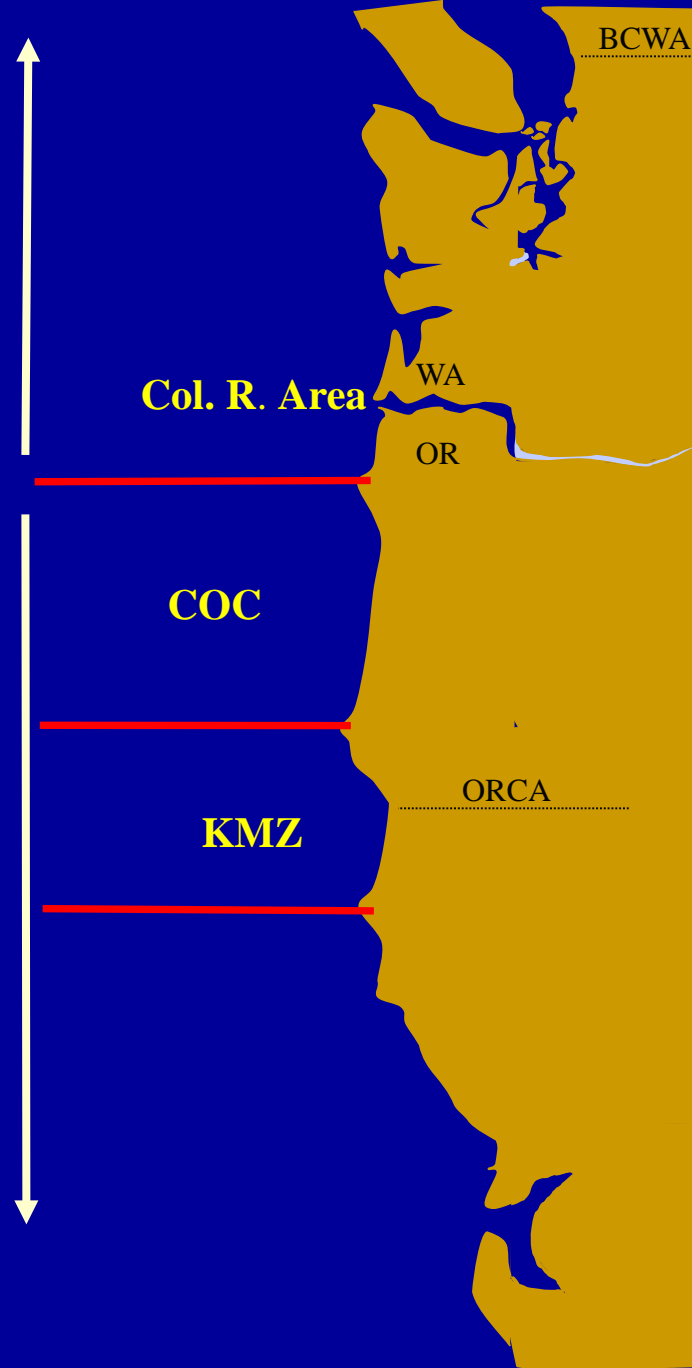
2018 Ocean Salmon Regulations

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

2018 Schedule Ocean Salmon Fisheries

Feb. 27	Ocean Salmon Industry Group	Newport
Mar. 8-14	Pacific Fishery Management Council	Rohnert Park, CA
Mar. 16	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission	Salem
Mar. 20	Columbia River/Ocean Fisheries	Ridgefield, WA
Mar. 26	PFMC Public Options Hearing (OR)	Coos Bay
Apr. 2	North of Falcon / Columbia River	Olympia, WA
Apr. 5-11	Pacific Fishery Management Council	Portland
Apr. 20	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission	Astoria

N of Falcon



Col. R. Area

COC

S of Falcon

KMZ

BCWA

WA

OR

ORCA

Stock	2017 Actual	2018 Forecast
<u>Chinook (ocean abundance)</u>		
Sacramento River	140,000	229,400
Klamath River (total)	124,500	359,200
<u>Coho</u>		
Columbia River (total) ²	284,800	294,100
Lower Columbia River natural	31,200	21,900
Oregon Coast natural	65,600	54,900

Lower Columbia and Coastal Coho

- 2018 allowable impacts $\leq 15\%$ for OCN & $\leq 18\%$ for LCN.
- NOF coho fisheries constrained by WA coho stocks, secondarily LCN coho.
- SOF coho fisheries primarily constrained by OCN coho.

Columbia River Fall Chinook

Stock Group	2017 Actual	2018 Forecast
<u>Chinook</u>		
Columbia River Tule	112,800	112,500
Lower River tule component	(64,600)	(62,400)
Columbia River Brights	355,300	245,500
URB component	(297,100)	(200,100)
Total Columbia (all stocks)	475,900	365,600

Lower River Natural Tule Chinook

LRH Abundance Forecast	Total Exploitation Rate Limit (all fisheries)
<30,000	0.30
30-40,000	0.35
<u>40-85,000</u>	<u>0.38</u>
>85,000	0.41

Sacramento Fall Chinook

- 3 yrs of significant over-forecasting.
- Escapement goal is 122-180K spawners.
- Declared “overfished” due to three year average escapement below minimum threshold.
- PFMC structured fisheries to target 151K, 165K, and 180K escapement in the three alternatives.
 - Conservative in event of another missed forecast.
 - Contribute to speeding rebuilding.
- PFMC will finalize escapement target in April.
- Rebuilding plan underway.

Klamath Fall Chinook

- Escapement goal is 40,700.
- Forecast significantly higher for 2018.
- Declared “overfished” due to three year average escapement below minimum threshold.
- Actions to protect Sacramento run have created savings to increase escapement over the goal.
 - Conservative in event of forecast error.
 - Contribute to speeding rebuilding.
- Rebuilding plan underway.

Existing Federal Regulations

- **Recreational Salmon**
 - Cape Falcon South to Humbug Mt.
 - Open March 15-April 30, 2017. All salmon except coho. 2 fish per day.

March In-season Action to Federal Regulation

- **Commercial Troll Salmon**
 - Cape Falcon South to Or/Ca Border
 - Rescinded Mar-Apr scheduled season opener.

2017 Ocean Commercial Season

Cape
Falcon

South of Cape Falcon (Chinook only)

Falcon-Humbug

- I. May 7-31; Jun 7-30; Jul 8-31; Aug 1-15; Sep 1-Oct 31 shoreward of 40-fa only.
- II. May 15-31; Jun 12-30; Jul 13-31; Aug 1-15; Sep 1-Oct 31 shoreward of 40-fa only.
- III. May 1-5, 9-13, 17-20; Jun 1-5, 9-13, 17-21, 25-28; Jul 1-5, 9-13, 17-21, 25-28; Aug 1-4, 9-12, 15-18, 28-30; Sep 1-Oct 31 shoreward of 40-fa only.

Newport

South of Humbug (OR KMZ)

- I. May 9-31; Jun 7-30 (1,500); Jul 8-31 (2,000); Aug 1-15 (500);
- II. Jun 12-30 (1,500) ; Jul 13-31 (2,000); Aug 1-15 (500)
- III. Closed.

Coos Bay

Humbug Mtn.

2017 Ocean Sport Season

- **Falcon to Humbug**

I. Mar. 15-Oct. 31 Chinook; Jun 30-Aug 19 or 20K mark-selective coho; Sep 1-3, Fr-Sa from Sep 7-30 or 4.5K non-mark-selective coho.

II. Mar 15-Oct 31 Chinook; Jun 30-Sep 3 or 40K mark-selective coho.

III. Mar 15-Apr 30 Chinook; NON mark-selective coho, Sep 1-3, Fr-Su from Sep 7-30 ; NO mark-selective coho.

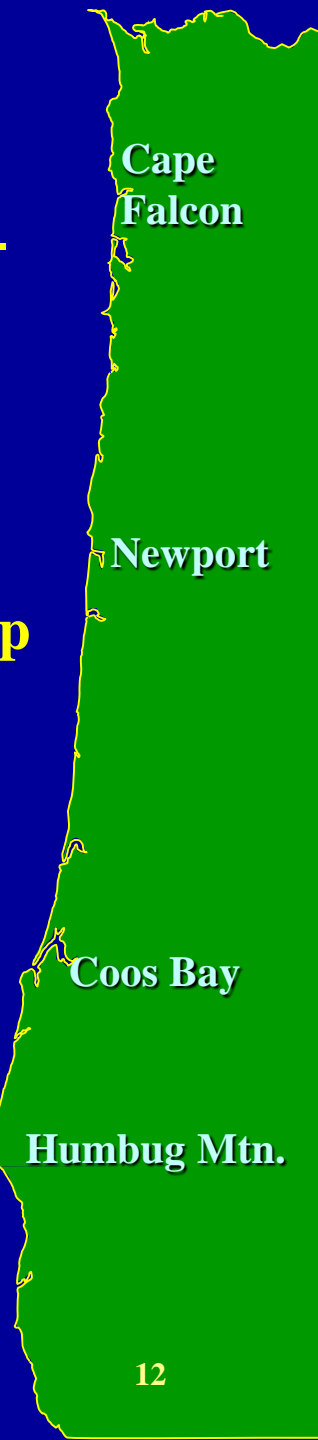
Oct 1-31 shoreward of 40-fa only in all alternatives.

- **South of Humbug (OR KMZ)**

I. May 19-Aug 26, Chinook only.

II. Jun1-17; Jul 1-15; Aug 4-12, Chinook only.

III. May 19-Jul 4, Chinook only.



2018 “Other”

- Will not be proposing coastal in-river wild coho fisheries for 2018 due to stock status.
- In process of determining proposals for Elk and Chetco terminal areas – no expected changes for Elk; TBD for Chetco.

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