

A. SEASON DESCRIPTION

North of Cape Falcon

Supplementary Management Information:

1. Overall non-Indian TAC: 89,000 chinook and 270,000 coho.
Trade: No
2. Non-Indian commercial troll TAC: 44,500 chinook and 67,500 coho.
3. Treaty Indian commercial ocean troll quotas of: 49,000 chinook (22,500 in May and June; 26,500 for all-salmon season July through Sept. 15 with no rollover allowed from chinook season); and 75,000 coho.

U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

- May 1 through earlier of June 30 or 29,800 chinook quota. The fishery will be managed to provide a remaining quota of 500 chinook for a June 26-30 open period with a 50 fish per vessel landing limit for the five-day open period.

All salmon except coho (C.7). Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones closed (C.5). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Vessels must land their fish within the area or in Garibaldi, OR, and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. State regulations require that Oregon licensed limited fish sellers and fishers intending to transport and deliver their catch outside the area notify ODFW one hour prior to transport away from the port of landing by calling (541) 867-0300 Ext. 271. Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery. Inseason actions may modify harvest guidelines in later fisheries to achieve or prevent exceeding the overall allowable troll harvest impacts (C.8.a).

U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon

- July 8 through earlier of Sept. 15 or 14,700 preseason chinook guideline (C.8.a) or a 67,500 coho quota. The 67,500 coho quota includes a subarea quota of 8,000 coho for the area between the U.S./Canada border and the Queets River.

Fishery is open Thursday through Sunday prior to August 11, and Wednesday through Sunday thereafter. Landing and possession limit of 125 chinook per vessel per 5-day open period prior to August 11. An inseason conference call may occur no later than August 10 to consider reducing the landing and possession limit beginning August 11. All salmon, except no chum retention north of Cape Alava, Washington in August and September (C.7). All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin clip, **except an inseason conference call may occur to consider allowing retention of all legal sized coho between Cape Falcon and the Queets River no earlier than September 1.** Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones closed (C.5). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Vessels must land their fish within the area or in Garibaldi, OR, and within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. State regulations require that Oregon licensed limited fish sellers and fishers intending to transport and deliver their catch outside the area notify ODFW one hour prior to transport away from the port of landing by calling (541) 867-0300 Ext. 271. Notification shall include vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery. Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be implemented or adjusted inseason (C.8.a, b).

South of Cape Falcon

Cape Falcon to Florence South Jetty

- March 15 through June 30; July 7-12; July 19-27; Aug. 1-14; Aug. 19-24 and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 (C.9).

All salmon except coho (C.7). Chinook 26 inch total length minimum size limit prior to May 1, 27 inches May 1 through Sept. 30, and 28 inches October 1-31 (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3) and Oregon State regulations for a description of special regulations at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.

In 2005, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho, with a 27 inch chinook minimum size limit. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2004 meeting.

A. SEASON DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt.

- March 15 through July 6; July 13-18; July 26-29; Aug. 1-8; Aug. 15-22; Aug. 26-29 and Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 (C.9).

All salmon except coho (C.7). Chinook 26 inch total length minimum size limit prior to May 1, 27 inches total length May 1 through Sept. 30, and 28 inches total length October 1-31 (B). See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

In 2005, the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho, with a 27 inch chinook minimum size limit. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2004 meeting.

Humbug Mt. to OR-CA Border

- March 15 through May 31. All salmon except coho.
- June 1 through earlier of June 30 or 2,600 chinook quota;
- July 1 through earlier of July 31 or 1,600 chinook quota;
- Aug. 1 through earlier of Aug. 29 or 2,500 chinook quota;
- Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 3,000 chinook quota (C.9)

All salmon except coho. Chinook 26 inch total length minimum size limit prior to May 1, 27 inches total length May 1 through Aug. 29, and 28 inches total length Sept. 1-30. No transfer of remaining quota from earlier fisheries allowed (C.9). Possession and landing limit of 50 fish per trip per vessel prior to Sept. 1; 65 fish per trip per vessel in Sept. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). For seasons from June 1 through Sept. 30, vessels must land their fish in Gold Beach, Port Orford, or Brookings, OR, and within 24 hours of closure. State regulations require that fishers intending to transport and deliver their catch to other locations after first landing in one of these ports notify ODFW prior to transport away from the port of landing by calling (541) 867-0300 Ext. 271, with vessel name and number, number of salmon by species, location of delivery, and estimated time of delivery.

In 2005 the season will open March 15 for all salmon except coho with a 27 inch total length minimum size limit. This opening could be modified following Council review at its November 2004 meeting.

OR-CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty

- Sept. 1 through earlier of Sept. 30 or 6,000 chinook quota.

All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit of 28 inches total length. Possession and landing limit of 30 fish per day per vessel. All fish caught in this area must be landed within the area. See compliance requirements (C.1) and gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3). Klamath Control Zone closed (C.5.).

Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena (Fort Bragg)

- July 10 through August 29; Sept. 1-30.

All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit of 27 inches total length through August 31; 28 inches total length Sept. 1-30. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico Border

- May 1 through August 29; Sept. 1-30.

All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit 26 inches total length prior to July 1, and 27 inches total length beginning July 1 through Sept. 30. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro (Fall Area Target Zone)

- Oct. 1; Oct. 4-8; and Oct. 11-15.

All salmon except coho. Chinook minimum size limit 26 inches total length. See gear restrictions and definitions (C.2, C.3).

B. MINIMUM SIZE (Inches) (See C.1)

Area (when open)	Chinook		Coho		Pink
	Total	Head-off	Total	Head-off	
North of Cape Falcon	28.0	21.5	16.0	12.0	None
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.					
Prior to May 1, 2004	26.0	19.5	-	-	None
May 1 to Sept. 30, and beginning March 15,	27.0	20.5	-	-	None
Oct. 1-31	28.0	21.5	-	-	None
Humbug Mt. to OR/CA Border					
Prior to May 1, 2004	26.0	19.5	-	-	None
May 1 to Aug. 31, and beginning March 15,	27.0	20.5	-	-	None
Sept. 1-30	28.0	21.5	-	-	None
OR/CA Border to Point Arena					
July 1- Aug. 31	27.0	20.5	-	-	None
Sept 1-30	28.0	21.5	-	-	None
Point Arena to US/Mexico Border					
May 1 to June 30, and October 1 to 15	26.0	19.5	-	-	None
July 1-Sept. 30	27.0	20.5	-	-	None

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS

C.1. Compliance with Minimum Size or Other Special Restrictions: All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area in which they were caught.

C.2. Gear Restrictions:

- a. Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required in all fisheries.
- b. *Cape Falcon, Oregon to the Oregon/California border:* No more than 4 spreads are allowed per line.
Spread defined: A single leader connected to an individual lure or bait.
- c. *Oregon/California border to U.S./Mexico border:* No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel and barbless circle hooks are required when fishing with bait by any means other than trolling.

C.3. Gear Definitions:

1. *Trolling defined:* Fishing from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.
2. *Troll fishing gear defined:* One or more lines that drag hooks behind a moving fishing vessel. In that portion of the FMA off Oregon and Washington, the line or lines must be affixed to the vessel and must not be intentionally disengaged from the vessel at any time during the fishing operation.
3. *Circle hook defined:* A hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inward, pointing directly to the shank at a 90° angle.

C.4. Transit Through Closed Areas with Salmon on Board: It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll or recreational gear in the water while transiting any area closed to fishing for a certain species of salmon, while possessing that species of salmon; however, fishing for species other than salmon is not prohibited if the area is open for such species and no salmon are in possession.

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (cont'd)

C.5. Control Zone Definitions:

- a. *Cape Flattery Control Zone*:- The area from Cape Flattery (48° 23'00" .N lat.) to the northern boundary of the U.S. EEZ; and the area from Cape Flattery south to 48°10'00" N. lat. and east of 125°05'00" W. long.
- b. *Columbia Control Zone* - An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. lat., 124°06'50" W. long.) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09' N. lat., 124°06'16" W. long.); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N lat., 124°03'07" W long. to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°14'48" N. lat., 124°05'20" W. long.), and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. lat., 124°04'05" W. long.), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.
- c. *Klamath Control Zone* - The ocean area at the Klamath River mouth bounded on the north by 41°38'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles north of the Klamath River mouth); on the west, by 124°23'00" W. long. (approximately 12 nautical miles off shore); and, on the south, by 41°26'48" N. lat. (approximately 6 nautical miles south of the Klamath River mouth).

C.6. Notification When Unsafe Conditions Prevent Compliance with Regulations: If prevented by unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems from meeting special management area landing restrictions, vessels must notify the U.S. Coast Guard and receive acknowledgment of such notification prior to leaving the area. This notification shall include the name of the vessel, port where delivery will be made, approximate amount of salmon (by species) on board and the estimated time of arrival.

C.7. Incidental Halibut Harvest: During authorized periods, the operator of a vessel that has been issued an incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in Area 2A while trolling for salmon. License applications for incidental harvest must be obtained from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (phone: 206-634-1838). Applicants must apply prior to April 1 of each year. Incidental harvest is authorized only during May and June troll seasons and after June 30 if quota remains and if announced on the NMFS hotline (phone: 800-662-9825). ODFW and WDFW will monitor landings. If the landings are projected to exceed the 44,554 pound preseason allocation or the total Area 2A non-Indian commercial halibut allocation, NMFS will take inseason action to close the incidental halibut fishery.

License holders may land no more than 1 halibut per each 3 chinook, except 1 halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).

A "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area is an area to be avoided for salmon troll fishing. NMFS and the Council request that salmon trollers voluntarily avoid this area in order to protect yelloweye rockfish. The area is defined in the Pacific Council Halibut Catch Sharing Plan in the North Coast subarea (WA marine area 3), with the following coordinates in the order listed:

- 48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long;
- 48°18' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long;
- 48°11' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long;
- 48°11' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long;
- 48°04' N. lat.; 125°11' W. long;
- 48°04' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long;
- 48°00' N. lat.; 124°59' W. long;
- 48°00' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long;
- And connecting back to 48°18' N. lat.; 125°18' W. long.

C. REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, OR EXCEPTIONS (cont'd)

- C.8. Inseason Management: In addition to standard inseason actions or modifications already noted under the season description, the following inseason guidance is provided to NMFS:
- a. Chinook remaining from the May-June non-Indian commercial troll harvest guideline north of Cape Falcon may be transferred to the July-September harvest guideline on a fishery impact equivalent basis.
 - b. NMFS may transfer fish between the recreational and commercial fisheries north of Cape Falcon if there is agreement among the representatives of the Salmon Advisory Subpanel.
 - c. At the March 2005 meeting, the Council will consider inseason recommendations for special regulations for any experimental April fisheries (proposals must meet Council protocol and be received in November 2004).
- C.9. Consistent with Council management objectives, the State of Oregon may establish additional late-season, chinook-only fisheries in state waters. Check state regulations for details.
- C.10. For the purposes of CDFG Code, Section 8232.5, the definition of the KMZ for the ocean salmon season shall be that area from Humbug Mt., Oregon, to Horse Mt., California.
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