

From: Giulia C. <giuliavc06@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:26 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: 2019 harvest allocation and the Southern Resident orcas

Hello there,

I am kindly asking you, that before you finalize your recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, you will take the Southern Resident orcas into consideration when final salmon harvest allocations and management decisions are made. These beloved cetaceans are on the brink of extinction, and if there's anyone whose future truly depends on the salmon availability, and therefore deserves a fair and equitable share of the salmon harvest, is the critically endangered Southern Resident orca population.

My best regards.

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From: Giulia C. <giuliavc06@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 5:48 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
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My best regards.

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From: Krestine <nopvoices@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 8:08 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: 2019 North of Falcon Process Comment

The Southern Resident Orcas deserve to have a seat at the table during the North of Cape Falcon process. The original species of the Pacific Northwest are entitled to a fisheries harvest allocation. During the 2019 North of Falcon allocation agreements, please consider Southern Resident Orcas when allocations and management decisions are made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Krestine Reed
Carlsborg, Washington

From: Sue Berkstresser <suebruiz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2019 11:48 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: A seat at the table for Southern Resident Orcas

Good morning,

I'm writing today to respectfully request that allocations of salmon for our southern resident orcas be considered in this year's discussions. It has been scientifically documented that our orcas are in dire need at this time of this primary food source for their survival as a species. Many believe it would be a devastating loss if they succumb to further losses in their population.

Thank you.
Sue Berkstresser
Snohomish, WA

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elizabeth Buchter <ebuchter@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 6:07 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: A seat at the table

Hello,

I have been visiting the San Juan Islands for 30 years because the orcas come to forage there in the summer. I am heart broken to see the orcas starving to death. Please consider their needs prominently when making allocations of salmon. Thank you

Sent from my iPad

From: Whitney Neugebauer <whitney.neugebauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:20 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: All areas - comments

Hi

Please consider the impacts these fishing rules will have on endangered Southern Resident killer whales. These whales should be the first to have access to the fish and it is our responsibility to ensure they are given priority.

I realize that this has been mandated, however the whales continue to decline and so is like to urge this process to deeply consider what's at stake and take a precautionary approach that will in the end benefit all of us in the long-term.

Thank you

Whitney Neugebauer

From: Anne de Marcken <ademarcken@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:30 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocate salmon for orcas

A quick note to add my voice to those already asking that the resident orcas be factored into this year's North of Falcon salmon allocation. This is a crucial part of a more long term solution. Think ecologically. Keep our orcas from starving.

Anne de Marcken Forbes

From: Heather Nicholson <heatherfold@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 3:11 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: allocate Southern Resident Orca their food

Members of North of Falcon,

As a resident of Washington State, of the United States and of this planet that is naturally interconnected beyond borders, I am very concerned about the health of all ecosystems and right now especially for the Southern Resident Orca.

It is regional and global knowledge the SRO are at the brink of extinction and that their fate is tied to ours. While I don't need reasons that specifically benefit humans in order to want them to thrive, some people look to those reasons. There are plenty and some are pretty scary in regard to the future of life. The fact of the matter is the Southern Residents are an integral part of the nature of this planet and humans have put them and the planet's ecosystems in jeopardy. EVERYONE wants the Southern Resident Orca to be ensured a thriving future. And everyone wants healthy ecosystems.

Please make sure to provide ample allocations of the Southern Resident's salmon for them. We don't need it to survive. Not on our plates or in our bank accounts.

I strongly question whether it's safe to continue with commercial and sport fishing. Aside from what yourselves and others may think of as realistic possibilities or desired possibilities, the time may be soon coming to eliminate it altogether and extend an invitation and incentives to Tribes to do the same. I understand the strange rule of thumb that our industry of fish 'take' is one of the things preventing us from annihilating the fish in other ways, however it's probably time we learn how to protect what we love, simply because we love it, not because we eat it or make money from it. If we don't think of the future, we are disregarding our children and all that provides a home for us to exist.

We know the number one thing the Southern Residents need immediately is the salmon they eat. It would be egregious on our part to allow them to continue starving and go extinct. Please make sure they receive an ample allocation of their salmon.

Thank you,
Heather Nicholson

Friday Harbor, WA

From: Aimee Aguilar <aimeem.aguilar@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 7:06 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocation Agreements

Hello,

I am emailing to request that orcas are given a seat at the table and are considered during allocation and management decisions.

From: Erin Casellas <erin.casellas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 7:11 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocation for the southern resident killer whales

Hello,

My name is Erin Casellas. Please let the southern resident killer whales be considered when allocation and management decision are made. They depend on salmon fisheries as their food resource, whereas we, as a society, have the means to get food elsewhere and are not dependent on one fragile, already depleted food source. Humans have already pushed these whales to the brink of extinction, and it is our responsibility to repair what our actions have caused. We must begin reversing the adverse effects that our development has had on the ecosystems which have existed on our planet far longer than we have. It has now become our responsibility, and preserving these salmon fisheries is one of the first steps we must take. Please help make a difference.

Sincerely,
Erin Casellas

From: Gloria Pancrazi <gloria@coextinctionfilm.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 6:49 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocation for the southern resident orcas

Hi there,

My name is Gloria. Please let the Southern Resident orcas be given a seat at the table and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made. They need salmon, we don't. We can't watch them die off one by one because of our lack of action to fix what we've broken. Please help make a difference.

Many thanks,
Gloria Pancrazi

From: tiffainethomas.auriol@laposte.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 12:30 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocation for the southern resident orcas

Dear All,

My name is Tiffaine. Please let the Southern Resident orcas be given a seat at the table and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

They need salmon, we don't. We can't watch them die off one by one because of our lack of action to fix what we have broken.

Please help make a difference.

Thank you very much!

Best Regards,

Tiffaine Auriol

From: Diane Chantler <di_plymouth@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 2:53 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocation of fishing quotas

Please consider the Southern Resident Killer Whales in your allocations- they are in desperate need of salmon as this is their only source of food.

I have been following their plight for some time and have watched the traumatic loss of members of these close knit families through starvation, due to the catastrophic drop in the salmon population and competition for this vital food source.

I am writing from the UK, one of many overseas followers who are desperate to see them thrive, not die from starvation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Chantler
Plymouth, UK.

From: BONNIE GRETZ <bgwhaluv@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 4:57 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocation of salmon

I respectfully request that you the Southern Resident Killer Whales be given "a seat at the table" and that a decent portion of the estimated harvest be allotted to them. While humans have many choices of food, they do not. It is our responsibility, as guardians of the Salish Sea, to restore the habitat so they have a chance to survive and thrive.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Bonnie Gretz

Coupeville, WA

From: Romina Y <romina.yamashiro84@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:08 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocations and management

To whom it may concern,

I hereby respectfully ask you that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

There is only 74 of these type of orcas left in the wild and their food is 95% made out of Salmon. They are starving into extinction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Romina Yamashiro

From: Starry Medicine <starrymedicine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 4:30 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Allocations for the SRKW

To whom it may concern,

Please be a powerful voice for our Southern Resident Killer Whales and include their Chinook needs in your allocations. They are literally starving to death and they must have abundant Chinook for their survival. We do not need fish for our survival and it is time we learn to share with the life around us. Please, I wholeheartedly implore you to include them in our allocations. Your efforts on their behalf will mean so much to them and to all those who love them.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmly,
Bonnie Sharkey

From: Andrew Derksema <sjifishing@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 6:33 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Area 7

I'm writing this email as a concerned charter operator of the San Juan Islands Area 7. Removing the entire month August for fishing will do nothing to improve the stillaguamish run of chinook salmon. The river health should be addressed before taking away opportunity. I encourage you to look at the cost benefit of shutting an area completely down over a river that could arguably be considered already extinct. If the decision is because of the whales, I encourage you to look at the recent data and check to see how often the SRKWs have actually been in area 7 during August over the last three years. The loss of August will economically impact a great deal of businesses from charters, boat sales, tackle shops to even hotels and restaurants in the islands. Some of these businesses barely get by as is with a continually reduced season. And what about the lost funds from reduced license sales? It is also an unfair burden to put on one area when areas west of seven have no proposed reductions. The area 7 salmon not only travel through strait of Georgia but straight of Juan de fuca as well. Would it not be more prudent to spread the pain through other areas?? Reduce smaller chunks of opportunity over a larger geographic area? OR reduce use similar to crab where the area is shut down two days a week instead of one entire month? It seems like management could be more creative and less economically painful. I encourage you to reconsider the area [7 August](#) closure. Sincerely, Andy Derksema

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Hal Beecher](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Area 13 minimum length for Chinook salmon harvest in late summer and early fall
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 9:56:59 AM

I support the proposed reduction in minimum length for sport harvest of hatchery Chinook salmon in Area 13 (south Puget Sound) during late summer and early fall months. I understand that there is currently a large surplus at the hatchery that is then sold for pet food. Reduction in minimum length to 18" would allow increased recreational harvest in south Puget Sound, probably increasing the value of that production without interfering with orca feeding as orcas rarely feed in south Puget Sound in late summer.

Hal Beecher

From: debra4stuff@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 12:52 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: chinook salmon allotment for SRKWs

Please ensure that a sufficient allotment of chinook salmon is provided for the critically endangered Southern Resident Orcas. They require over 300 lbs of chinook per day, and do not have other options available to them, unlike humans who can fish for other species.

Orca scientists such as Ken Balcomb say that getting the Southern Resident Orca a lot more salmon this year is crucial to their reproductive success and ultimate survival.

Sincerely yours,
Debra Ellers
Port Townsend, WA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Garrett Moody <diehardfisherman215@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 5:50 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Coastal freshwater

Hello, I would like to comment on Grays harbor fishery options. I'm a life long angler of grays harbor and its tributaries. I would like to see option C seasons. The December late coho fishery is very important to many anglers In the area, as well as native coho retention (where available), in the mainstem chehalis.

Thanks
Garrett Moody

Sent from my iPhone

From: ARSC <mark@allwashingtonfishing.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:33 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Coastal freshwater

I'm in favor of Model C and I hope season makers can find a way to allow for Model C.

I would also support a 1 marked Chinook in the Humptulips as instead of a 2 fish bag. We have had a 1 Chinook limit for many years in the past and it's just fine. The guides book plenty of trips, many, many people come out to fish recreationally, and 1 Chinook is a realistic limit these days. Consider modifying Model C to reflect a 1 marked Chinook limit.

Side note, whether or not it has come up, I'm opposed to a 3 Coho limit in the harbor.

Thank you,

Capt. Mark Coleman - Guide/Owner

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31' Luhrs "Go Fish", Los Suenos Marina

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From: [ARSC](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Coastal freshwater
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:33:39 PM

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From: pearsonfr@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:26 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Columbia River and tributaries

The decision to continue the use of non-selective gear in the Columbia River is very disappointing. If this was a financial venue, it is tantamount to spending our capital (the ability to create value in the future) instead of living off the interest and growth of capital. No successful Wall Street investor would be so foolhardy.

The use of non-selective gear will result in unavoidable deadly bycatch.

Larry Franks
Issaquah, WA
BS Fisheries (Salmonid Culture) UW 1979

Home: 425.392.2571 (preferred)
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From: [Dave Riddle](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Columbia River and tributaries
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 7:33:52 PM

Hi...it seems almost impossible to imagine that there will be even a discussion about salmon or steelhead seasons for the Columbia and Snake rivers. Warmer water, increased fishing pressure, environmental challenges, and global warming are all impacting the runs. It's time for significant and radical changes.

I would like you to consider implementing a moratorium on all salmon and steelhead fishing in the Columbia and Snake river system for at least four years. Give the fish a break from the fishing pressure, hopefully some modulation on the environmental conditions, and an opportunity to regenerate the runs. If at the end of that four year period the runs seem to have stabilized then allow a fishery that limits sport anglers to no more than one fish per day until such time that the runs have stabilized.

If the Department does not take drastic action soon, the likelihood that our cherished salmon and steelhead will become one more item on a growing list of endangered or extinct species grows exponentially.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments on this important topic.

Sincerely,

Dave Riddle
Burbank, Wa.

From: [David Moskowitz](#)
To: [Tucker Jones](#); [Tweit, William M \(DFW\)](#); [Lothrop, Ryan L \(DFW\)](#); [Sippel, Timothy J \(DFW\)](#); [John North](#); [Geoffrey Whisler](#); [Lefleur, Cindy \(DFW\)](#); [Warren, Ron R \(DFW\)](#); [Chris Kern](#)
Subject: Comments on the 2019 Summer - Fall Fishery Recommendations
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:10:45 AM
Attachments: [CRC-NOF Summer-Fall Fishery Comments 2019 - TCA.pdf](#)

The Conservation Angler believes that 2019 Columbia River Fisheries need more stringent measures to protect low numbers of wild salmon and wild steelhead.

Our rationale is contained in the attached Memo.

Sincerely,

David Moskowitz

David A. Moskowitz
Executive Director
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Conservation means fair and honest dealings with the future, usually at some cost to the immediate present. It is simply morality, with little to offset the glamour and quick material rewards of the North American deity, "Progress".
Roderick Haig-Brown

From: Brittany Philbin <brittany.n.philbin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 12:45 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Consider SRKW during North of Falcon

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you regarding my great concern for our critically endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKWs) of the Salish Sea. As a resident of the State of Washington, I feel there is more we can do for the recovery of both the salmon population and the SRKWs. Although it appears the Orca Task Force, which was established in 2018, has been hard at work our beloved SRKWs will have to travel longer distances and forage in waters outside the Salish Sea unless we take immediate and drastic action.

These are my requests:

1. Please give the SRKWs a “seat at the table” during the North of Falcon allocation process when determining fishery allocations for Oregon and Washington ocean and freshwater commercial and sport fishing, specifically salmon and herring, as well as mandated allocation agreements between the states and treaty tribes.
2. Immediately place a moratorium on all salmon fishing (not including tribal rights) until the dams are breached and there are enough salmon to support the survival of the SRKWs. If we continue to harvest salmon at current rates the SRKWs will not have enough to sustain current population levels and eventually will disappear altogether.

We as humans have a duty to protect the environment we live in and to ensure that future generations can enjoy the same beauty and abundance as generations before us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
The Philbin Family

From: Kelly Robbins <kellyrobbins89@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 7:38 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Consider the Orcas

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the southern resident orcas, who are starving due to lack of salmon cause by overfishing among other things. I ask that the Southern Residents be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

Thank you,
Kelly



Memorandum

To: Columbia River Compact States
Fr: The Conservation Angler
Dt: May 15, 2019
Re: 2019 Summer and Fall Fishery Conservation Measures

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide comments and recommendations for wild fish conservation measures for consideration in fishery regulation and implementation actions planned or taken during 2019.

I. Concerns with the Columbia River Compact and North of Falcon Methodologies

The Conservation Angler believes that the data underlying the forecasting of salmon and steelhead returns to the Columbia River suffers from multiple flawed assumptions, unacceptable margin of error ranges, excessive application of professional judgement and statistically invalid observation and creel census effort used to implement modeling runs and to estimate harvest impacts and exploitation rates.

II. Specific Concerns During Authorized Fisheries

1. There are no reports of interceptions of non-target species from the Select Area fisheries.
2. There is no consistent application of a statistically valid monitoring program for select area commercial fisheries, sport fisheries or mainstem drift net commercial fisheries which is essential to establish accurate and reliable mortality and encounter rate data.
3. Methods of estimating natural-origin spawning escapement are not consistently applied in rivers without counting stations.
4. There is no clear method of accounting for illegal harvest or catch and release mortality for the shore and boat sport fishery in the data that comprises the fishery summaries year-to-year.
5. Ocean and in-river harvest rates are too high on most salmon species to allow natural-origin escapement to result in the nutrient loading necessary to provide forage for emerging and rearing juvenile salmon. Any harvest rate over 20% fails to contribute the necessary nutrients for subsequent generational survival within natal rivers.¹

III. Compact and North of Falcon Process Issues

The public process for the Columbia River Compact continues to suffer from late notice of public hearings and even later delivery of factual data on the issues being discussed and decided.

There continues to be a lack of transparency with the data being used by agencies to make forecasts and conduct updates on the progress of salmon and steelhead runs to the Columbia and tributaries.

Because the US v. Oregon court case is over, TAC proceedings, data and models must become publicly available.

IV. Ocean, Marine and In-River Harvest Regimes:

The region has institutionalized the Causes for Recovering and Restoring Columbia and Snake River Wild Salmon and Steelhead.

1. The Ocean and Lower Columbia River are non-selective, mix-stock fisheries that are preventing recovery of ESA-listed spring and fall chinook.

¹ Knudsen, E. Eric, Eric W. Symmes and F. Joseph Margraf. 2003. Searching for a life history Approach to Salmon Escapement Management. In: Nutrients in Salmonid Ecosystems: Sustaining Production and Biodiversity. Editor, John Stockner. American Fisheries Society Symposium 34.



2. Monitoring for wild populations of ESA-listed and other wild unlisted salmon (mid-Columbia Spring, Summer and Fall Chinook as well as Upper Columbia sockeye salmon) is currently accomplished by management of aggregate populations that are counted as they cross dams.
3. Fishery Managers account for harvest with creel surveys and account for wild fish escapement with dam passage counts, not spawning ground surveys.
4. While there may be spawning escapement goals or targets – also based on aggregate salmon and steelhead passage for both wild and hatchery fish of a particular species – there are no River Specific Management (RSM) criteria for spawning populations of natural-origin species. Furthermore, there are no egg-deposition criteria by river and species.
5. Columbia River and ocean harvest rates above 20% do not account for the importance of the spawned carcasses that are essential for the ensuing generation of juvenile salmon and steelhead emerging from natal river gravels.²

V. Concerns About 2019 Lower Columbia River Spring and Summer Chinook

While the closure of spring chinook sport fishing in the lower Columbia River was the right thing to do, it is shocking to learn that wild spring chinook numbers in the Cowlitz and Lewis have dropped to under triple digits. How and why did this happen?

Not enough is known about status of wild populations, particularly below Bonneville Dam. Where is data on spring chinook wild escapement by natal river? How low did the wild spring chinook runs on Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers get before Federal and State managers had to take such drastic with little if any warning?

Hatchery brood escapement and sport fishing creel surveys are no surrogate to wild escapement, abundance or productivity estimates that should be established and maintained based on spawning counts or carcass surveys.

The Joint Staff Reports on 2019 forecast numbers for Upriver Columbia Spring Chinook do not contain data from the Deschutes or John Day. While these runs are part of the Mid-Columbia Chinook ESU, the failure to maintain or publish the run data is dooming these rivers (particularly the Deschutes) to the same fate as the Cowlitz or Lewis Rivers.

As is clear from recent joint staff notices, the only management concern expressed is whether hatcheries will make their egg take requirements. There is no reporting on whether rivers will make their egg deposition requirements. Why? Because there are not egg deposition or spawner escapement requirements for rivers. Thus, it is little wonder why the wild salmon and steelhead runs are slipping into extinction. The fishery agencies do not have love for wild salmon.

VI. Concerns about Spring – Summer chinook data

What is the formula to determine the conversion of springers entering Columbia River mouth and then making the run update based on Bonneville passage? How do the states calculate for predation, harvest, tributary turn-off, illegal harvest and wild escapement?

The management dates delineating spring chinook and summer chinook are arbitrary for the spring and summer chinook. Furthermore, this date is based on passage at Bonneville Dam, and does not account for the on-going entry of summer chinook into the lower Columbia and their rate of harvest in Select Areas and shore-based sport fisheries.

² Knudsen, E. Eric, Eric W. Symmes, and F. Joseph Margraf. 2003. Searching for a life history approach to salmon escapement management. Pages 261-276 in J. G. Stockner, editor. Nutrients in salmonid ecosystems: sustaining production and biodiversity. American Fisheries Society, Symposium 34, Bethesda, Maryland.



Another major management problem for managing wild summer chinook to the Snake and Upper Columbia is that the mark rate is insufficient and leads to problems estimating wild abundance and harvest rate.

Is any sampling at AFF able to refine the ability to determine Spring chinook from Summer chinook? What tools do the state's use in determining the impacts of SAFE encounters and harvest, as well as the sport and tribal impacts in terms of wild Summer Chinook escapement? What is the confidence interval on estimating wild summer chinook spawning escapement abundance on Upper Columbia and tributaries?

VII. Concerns About Summer Steelhead and Fall Chinook

The forecasts for Columbia River summer steelhead and fall chinook are both quite low – with 950 wild B-run steelhead predicted to return – which is 14% lower than the 2017 pre-season forecast of 1,100 wild B-runs.

What will be done with LCR fisheries (SAFE, non-treaty mainstem commercial, sport fisheries and below-Bonneville tribal fisheries to:

- a. Minimize impacts on ESA-listed winter and early summer wild steelhead?
- b. Minimize impacts on ESA listed wild UCR and MCR summer steelhead
- c. Eliminate impacts on ESA-listed wild SR B-run summer steelhead

VIII. Wild Fish Sanctuaries and Required Specific Angling Practices Can Reduce Lethal Encounters

Low wild returns and warm Columbia River water require immediate conservation action.

All cool water refugia, no matter the size or volume of water, will attract migrating wild salmon and steelhead if the Columbia River is warmer. It is a natural life-history trait of salmon, trout and steelhead. Perhaps the most important cold-water refugia is at the Deschutes-Columbia confluence, where the Deschutes will start cooling down in August, just as Columbia heats up and as the up-river salmon and steelhead migration peaks. The mouth of the Deschutes will be an incredibly important sanctuary for wild steelhead and salmon when the Columbia River is warmer. Oregon should invoke an no fishing sanctuary very similar to what was established in 2018.

All cold water refugia (CWR) will be very important to the health and productivity of ESA-listed wild salmon and particularly, wild steelhead which are known to remain in the cool-water plumes for weeks and months.

Fishing, even catch and release fishing, has an inordinate impact on wild steelhead in these locations because they are caught and released multiple times.

Fishing in sanctuary areas during warm water episodes when wild fish run sizes are low should not be permitted.

We should learn how the 2018-2019 Deschutes River Wild Steelhead return turned out by end of June. The recent wild runs have been low and present a strong case for conservation measures aimed at reducing lethal encounters. Considering the amount of angling that takes place, it is not inconceivable that Deschutes River steelheaders could encounter every single wild fish – and some- more than once.

All of us have a responsibility to minimize our impacts on these wild fish:

1. Use barbless hooks which should be mandatory in any fishery where certain species must be released
2. Use appropriate gear to allow safe and efficient landing of your steelhead
3. Keep your fish in the water when landing and unhooking it.
4. Use care when handling, photographing and releasing your catch
5. Anglers should have to rack their rods once they have taken their daily bag limit.
6. Refrain from angling when the Deschutes is over 66f.
7. Handle juvenile trout carefully when trout fishing (they may be steelhead smolts).



Comments in Response to Oregon and Washington Fishing Regulations in the Columbia River

The Conservation Angler appreciates the efforts that joint state staff have given to provide angling opportunity during the dismal forecasts of the coming 2019 Summer and Fall Fisheries in the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

However, given the poor run-sizes, the opportunity to fish and retain hatchery fish, particularly in the early steelhead fishing season, rides on the backs of wild steelhead.

Problems with the Early Summer Fishery: June 16 thru July 31

For the early-summer season (June 16 thru July 31) from the Astoria Bridge to just downstream of the Snake River confluence, the only fish that can be retained by anglers in the mainstem Columbia are hatchery-origin steelhead, and the daily angler bag-limit is two hatchery steelhead through June 30, and one hatchery steelhead during July. Wild steelhead and all chinook and sockeye salmon must be released unharmed.

1. The Columbia River summer steelhead run has more wild fish in the early part of the run than it does after August 1.

Bonneville Dam Passage Data: June 1 thru July 31

2018: 14,265 wild steelhead pass BON during this period
31,220 total steelhead pass BON during this period
Wild Steelhead comprise 46% of the steelhead present

2017: 10,261 wild steelhead pass BON during this period
19,559 total steelhead pass BON during this period
Wild Steelhead comprise 53% of the steelhead present

2016: 22,026 wild steelhead pass BON during this period
56,868 total steelhead pass BON during this period
Wild Steelhead comprise 40% of the steelhead present

Therefore, the focus on steelhead angling and retention of two hatchery fish will place undue burden on the early portion of the 2019 summer steelhead. Anglers will sort through many wild fish to catch their two-hatchery fish bag limit. The high percentage of wild steelhead in the early run puts those fish at risk of high encounter rates.

2. To make matters worse, anglers in a boat may continue fishing even if they have taken their limit as long as at least one angler in the party has not taken their limit. The “party-boat” rule encourages high encounter rates of wild fish. Anglers who take their limit should be required to rack their rods.
3. Anglers may use bait to fish for salmon and steelhead which can increase hooking injuries compared to lures.
4. A retention closure is not a closure to fishing, but a prohibition to retaining fish that are landed.

Problems with the Summer – Fall Fishery: August 1 thru December 31

The 2019 Forecast predicts a very small run of upriver summer steelhead.

Upriver Summer Steelhead: July 1 – Oct 31: 2019 Forecast is 38% of the 10-Year Average

These steelhead are bound for the Klickitat, Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla, and other rivers in the Upper Columbia and Snake Basins such as the Grand Ronde, Clearwater, Salmon and Imnaha.

2019 Forecast for Upriver Summer Steelhead:	118,200 total A and B-run adults
TYA of Upriver A & B-run summer steelhead:	315,202 A & B-run steelhead



2019 Upriver Summer Steelhead Predicted to Pass Bonneville Dam

2019 Upriver Summer Steelhead	2018 Forecast	2018 Return	2019 Forecast	Run Timing
Total Upriver Steelhead	190,350	100,483	126,950	to BON Dam
Early summer-run (H+W)	7,950	6,483	8,750	April - June
<i>(early summer wild)</i>	3,000	2,595	3,200	
A-Run (total H + W)	158,000	69,338	110,200	July - Oct
<i>(A-run wild)</i>	44,800	21,725	33,900	
B-Run (Total H + W)	24,400	24,662	8,000	July -Oct
<i>(B-run wild)</i>	3,400	2,382	950	July-June
Total Wild Steelhead Past BON	51,200	26,699	38,050	April - Oct

1. Anglers in a boat may continue fishing even if they have taken their limit as long as at least one angler in the party has not taken their limit. The “party-boat” rule encourages high encounter rates of wild fish. Therefore, anglers who take their limit should be required to rack their rods.
2. Anglers use bait to fish for salmon and steelhead which can increase hooking injuries compared to lures.
3. A retention closure is not a closure to fishing, but a prohibition to retaining fish that are landed.
4. Jack salmon (a smaller, younger but sexually mature salmon of either chinook or Coho species) limits are 5 fish per angler per day. These limits should be reduced because of the important role they play in spawning success.
5. The “Retention Closure” for steelhead (requiring release of all wild and hatchery steelhead between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam should be extended to at least mid-October due to the presence of wild B-run steelhead in that region.
6. The “Retention Closure” for steelhead (requiring release of all wild and hatchery steelhead between The John Day Dam and McNary Dam should be extended to at least mid-November due to the presence of wild B-run steelhead in that region.

Cold Water Sanctuaries Are Critical for Wild and Hatchery Fish migrating up the Columbia River

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified dozens of cold water refugia along the Columbia. We know that 13 of these areas are extremely important to migrating salmon and steelhead.

When the Columbia River water temperatures reach 66f, the importance of these areas increases, and when the mainstem water temperatures reach 68f, they become life-saving river reaches for salmon and steelhead. At 68.5f, they become refuges for salmon and steelhead in which fish linger for weeks and months.

Commercial fishing is already prohibited in river-mouth sanctuaries.

It is time for Oregon and Washington to create sanctuaries for migrating salmon and steelhead in these 13 CWR by prohibiting all angling in specific geographic areas created by the cold-water inputs for a specific period. The time period could be tailored by historic temperature data but could also be established based on blocks determined strictly by dates of known salmon and steelhead use – but at least three months (July thru September).

From: Tracie Sugo <koholakaiblog@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 7:23 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Fishery Allocations and the Southern Resident Orca

With the steady decline of the Southern Resident orca population due to diminishing salmon, please include the Southern Residents in fishery allocation and management decisions are made. The needs of the whales have been discussed on several occasions throughout the 2019 North of Falcon process, and it is vital to ensure this conversation continues!

Thank you,
Tracie Sugo

From: Lisa Mintz Kavas <lmkavas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 4:52 PM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Give Orcas a seat at the Salmon Table!

Now is such a critical time for the Southern Resident Orca...if we don't start addressing the issues belaboring them they are doomed. It is time for those responsible and in a position to do so allocate a significant and appropriate portion of the annual salmon fisheries yield for these Orca. Getting them more food is the easiest of the items to help them. The spotlight is on the PNW to effect local action to this end, and this will also reflect locally in terms of tourist dollars into our region. Additionally, in alignment with the view of many of the indigenous tribes and Orca advocates, it is the right thing to do after human intervention first terrorized this population in the 70's, and how human over-fishing, dam building, and water/sound pollution had adversely affected this population. Personally I am very willing to eat less salmon myself (my favorite fish) in order to make sure there are enough for the Orca to thrive.

Thank you,

Lisa M. Mintz Kavas
Lynnwood, WA

From: Bianca Tarleton <bianca.tarleton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 2:16 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Give orcas a seat at the table

The SRKW population is dying; their reproducing females have one a few years left until menopause. Orcas are one of the few mammals that experience menopause; which strengthens the matrilineal line and allows the elder female to be a leader and caretaker for her younger family members.

Without salmon, orcas will slowly die of starvation. Without immediate action, any pregnancies that might occur in the next few years will continue to be unviable, such as the tortuous experience of Tahlequah and her calf last summer.

We can't bring them back after they are gone. They are a unique *tribe*, that cannot be replaced. The Salish Sea and PNW are icons in the world because of these beautiful creatures.

Bianca Tarleton

From: deb8209 <deb8209@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 2:48 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Give Orcas a seat

Please give the Orcas a seat at the table?
They NEED the salmon!
We don't, we can wait for the numbers to return!

Thank you

Compassion is not just an emotion:
It's a way of life...

From: Jill Bliss <jill@jillbliss.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 8:55 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Give the Orcas a seat!

Hello,

Please take the Southern Resident orcas into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made in the North of Falcon meetings.

Thank you!
Jill

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Salish Sea Artist & Naturalist

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From: charlottelcumming <charlottelcumming@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 5:28 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Help the Southern Resident Killer Whaled

Please be sure the Southern Resident orcas are given a seat at the table and taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Cumming

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: Stephanie Snopek <stephaniesnopek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 12:38 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Include orcas in your salmon allocation discussion

Hello there,

I am a concerned citizen of the pacific northwest and request that you give the southern resident killer whales (orcas) a seat at the table in your discussion and decision-making process of establishing salmon allocations. Their survival depends on a thriving and accessible salmon population.

Thanks,
Stephanie

From: Teresa Frazer Gravlin <ctr91625@centurytel.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 8:42 AM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Inquiry

I am writing to ask that you PLEASE give the SRKW a chance at survival and give them the ONLY seat at the Chinook Salmon table this year and for as many years as it takes to recover this particular pod of orca. We, the human race, have done these orca serious harm by stealing the only prey that matters to them --- the Chinook salmon. The times have changed, the world needs to change, and wouldn't it be wonderful if YOU were the first to show these whales some compassion? We watched J35 and her horrific tour of grief all the while watching beautiful little J50 - Scarlet - lose her battle to starvation. There is not one single reason in this world today why we should have marine life that is starving, other than the fact that the fault lies solely with humans. We contaminate their waters, we deafen and injure them with ship strikes and noise, and now we are virtually ripping food from their mouths - food that could help them survive long enough to maybe recover some of their numbers. We cannot afford to lose another SRKW. Please, please, please, put them at the table before humans.

Sincerely,
Teresa K Gravlin
1421 S. Van Dyke Rd.
Marlette MI 48453

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Teresa

From: Ashlie McGuire <amcsuperstar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:30 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Let Orcas have a say

Aloha

I am Ashlie McGuire and I live in Hawaii.

Here our government may not be the best at protecting our wildlife either, but most civilian people here understand the delicate nature and balance of the ecosystem-especially the relationship between fresh water systems and the ocean.

I beg you to give Orcas a seat at the table, let their needs be met and heard. Without a steady supply of salmon to feed themselves and their young, you will be losing a key part of your ecosystem there and the repurchasing are of yet not fully known. Please take the time to protect these creatures. Find it within your hearts to ensure salmon be free for the Orcas for all time-at the very least the time we are here.

Mahalo.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Don Freeman](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: MA 13 chinook jack Retention
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 5:41:06 PM

Fishing opportunities in Marine Area 13 are limited and there is an opportunity to allow some additional harvest of chinook jacks that are not needed for hatchery production. It makes sense to allow fishers to keep returning adult chinook jacks (18" to 22") that would otherwise return to the hatchery and be surplus, i.e., sold for dog food. My license fees in part go toward the production of hatchery fish, and recreational fishers should get the benefit of these fish, and not used for pet food.

Don Freeman
Tumwater

From: [Alan Hortin](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:36:21 PM

Wee are supporting the idea of increasing the take of jack salmon from 18" or larger, by sports fishermen,

during the months of July, August, and September starting this year.

Alan Hortin

Olympia, Washington

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Scott Gibson](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Marine area 13 regulation change proposal
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:42:35 PM

Proposal:

I am writing to submit a proposed regulation change for Area 13.

We have observed that the average size of mature Chinook returning to the south Sound has decreased in recent years and it is not uncommon for us to catch 18" to 21" adipose-clipped maturing Chinook in the late summer/early fall. These are not blackmouth but are maturing fish destined for the Deschutes, Nisqually or Minter Creek hatcheries. The current regulations do not allow us to keep these fish.

We would like to propose a regulation change for Marine Area 13 for sport fishermen to retain Chinook >18" during the period July - September annually. This proposal has the support of the Olympia chapter of Puget Sound Anglers and other sport fishermen that we have reached out to.

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From: [Net zero](#)
To: [Lothrop, Ryan L \(DFW\)](#); [Tweit, William M \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: NOF
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:50:46 AM

Ryan, Bill, I will be unable to attend the meeting on Mar 18 as I will be out of the State. I will try to find a substitute, but not sure if that will happen. I would like to provide a little input.

For summer chinook, it appears that due to the low run size that opportunity below Bonneville will be very limited or non existent. Due to continued under escapement to the spawning beds and the presence of too many hatchery fish on the spawning beds, we recommend that all fisheries above and below Bonneville be mark selective. The Group will probably discuss bag limits, and we recommend the limit that will provide maximum opportunity while still achieving the harvest quota.

For fall chinook, we prefer options that allow opportunity throughout the Columbia River.

With the large coho forecast, there will be lots of discussion regarding Buoy 10, the ocean, and the river. We do not have input for this item.

For summer steelhead, we recommend aggressively pursuing options that maximize opportunity in June, July, August and September since other fishing opportunities will be severely limited. Both B-Runs and summer chinook catch will be concerns. If a one fish limit extends opportunity, it should be considered as well as a schedule that reduces effort(days per week).

Have a great meeting, and the subject looks challenging.

Regards, Harry Barber

Sent from my iPhone

From: CerviPedic - INFO <info@cervipedic.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:09 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North Of Falcon - Allocation meeting

To whom it may concern,

I hereby respectfully ask you that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

There is only 74 of these type of orcas left in the wild and their food is 95% made out of Salmon. They are starving into extinction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ed Tansingco

From: Jil Wells <jilljowells.jw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 7:17 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon

Hello,

As a Washington State resident I request that the Southern Resident Orcas be given a seat at the table during the North of Falcon process.

Thank you,

Jillian Wells

From: Nadira Rivera <nadiramandy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 7:02 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon addressing Orcas

Hello,

I am requesting that the Orcas are given a seat at the table and taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made pertaining to ocean fisheries. It is clear that the depletion in the amount of reproduction of salmon is affecting us all. If we band together in figuring out how to cohesively live with nature, it will be abundant for all. Animals do not take more than what they need. I suggest we do the same.

The depletion of salmon and herring survival has now transitioned over to starvation and death to the larger species such as the Orcas. These are clear indications we, humans, are next. We still have time to make a difference before extinction of several species occur. Let's heed the signs that are clear for us at this time to change the way we have been doing things to a new and improved way of living.

Thank you for taking consideration for the Orcas in upcoming decisions. By helping them, it is creating a ripple effect of saving the lives of many. Including ourselves.

I also ask that we push for the lower four dams of the Snake River be breached to assist in reproduction and livelihood of the salmon.

In Gratitude,

Mandy Rivera
Nadiramandy@yahoo.com
434-466-9747

From: Romina Yamashiro <ryamashiro@cervipedic.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:09 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon allocation

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Romina Yamashiro
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From: kelsie bowden <kelsiebowden@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:29 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon Process

Hello,

I am writing this email to voice my concerns regarding the Southern Resident Orcas.

As you are aware these Orcas are struggling to survive due to many man made issues, one of them being the deletion of food sources including Salmon.

I am urging you to please consider the well being and survive of these iconic creatures when discussing the recreational and commercial fisheries at this years North of Falcon process.

Please give the Orcas a seat at the table and be part of the solution in helping these magnificent animals survive.

Thanks you,

Kelsie Bowden

From: Julierabeau <julierabeau@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:54 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon process

Please consider the Southern Resident Killer Whales when allocating and management decisions are made in the 2019 fish quota. They must be included in fish quotas. Their salmon resource has been severely depleted and are at serious threat of distinction.

Respectfully

Julie Rabeau

5415 Crescent Beach Rd NW

Vaughn, Wa 98394

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sarah Graham <sarah.graham1327@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 9:46 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon

I am respectfully asking that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made. This is beyond important for them to be included.

Thank you.

Sent from Sarah G.

From: Chloe Read <chloe_read@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 1:03 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon Seat Allocation

To whom it may concern,

Each year at North of Falcon, the wild salmon population is discussed amongst several interested parties to ensure the harmonious conduction of fishing between the tribal and commercial fishing of wild salmon, including but not limited to the chinook salmon species.

Given the current climate threats as well as pollution threats to our oceans, I simply ask that at this year's North of Falcon meeting the Southern Resident orcas be given a seat at the table and included in talks to ensure they have enough allocation to see their survival and eventual growth.

Each year their numbers decline and each year the threat to their future grows larger. You have the chance to change that. By giving the southern resident orcas, you hold the key to seeing these remarkable creatures thrive once again, whilst still meeting the needs of those also at the meeting.

Your actions at this year's North of Falcon could change the manmade fate of these incredible mammals; enable the Southern Resident orcas to have a voice.

Kindest Regards,
Chloe Read

From: Elisabet Riya <elisabet.riya1414@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 7:16 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: North of Falcon

I respectfully ask that the Southern Resident orcas be given 'a seat at the table' and be given consideration when allocation and decision management is made. Don't let them go hungry, please.

Thank you and God bless.

From: drsurbeck@surbeckortho.com
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:33 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Ocean areas (Area 3 La Push Late Season Fishery)

To whom it may concern:

As a life long Washington resident and angler, of my favorite fishing opportunities, the Area 3 (La Push) Late Season fishery is at the very top. My family and I have enjoyed this fishery over the last 15 years, but it has been understandably closed for the last three years on account of the poor return of Coho to the Bogachiel.

In light of the improvement in the expected return of adult Coho, I would hope that regardless of the season option selected, that you will consider re-opening this fishery. Tax payer funding of the salmon hatcheries on Quillayute has provided salmon for harvest that we have not been able to access in this target specific terminal fishery. I have never once seen an Orca whale at the mouth of the Quillayute while participating in this fishery, and would think that this is exactly the type of fishery that should be highlighted.

Please strongly consider re-opening the Area 3 (La Push) Late Season fishery.

Respectfully,

Burleigh Surbeck

From: Cathleen Burns <commcomm2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 9:37 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Ocean areas

Please consider that the SRKW need the chinook too when deciding allocations. Please don't let humans take all the salmon and leave none for the Southern Residents! They are dying from starvation, and the humans are not. They need them more! Thank you.

Cathleen Burns
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

From: Cathleen Burns <commcomm2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 3:44 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Ocean areas

The SRKW need approximately 550,000 chinook salmon/yr. to survive, so please stop all commercial and recreational fishing for chinook due to the Endangered Species Act, This Act requires we do all we can to prevent their extinction. Humans have many other options for food, the Southern Residents don't. This of course, excludes tribes, who are entitled to their salmon. The few salmon should only be taken by tribes and the SRKW.

Cathleen Burns
98250

From: ARSC <mark@allwashingtonfishing.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:34 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Ocean areas

I support option 1, starting as early as possible keeping conservation in mind.

Thank you,

Capt. Mark Coleman - Guide/Owner

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31' Luhrs "Go Fish", Los Suenos Marina

*Any mentioned availability does not ensure that another party is not currently working on reserving. Reservations are confirmed when deposits are made.

From: Wayne Clifford <wc.fishtales@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 9:41 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Ocean areas

I am disappointed to see no pink salmon retention included in the current season. That means that we will be hooking and releasing many pinks which only injures the fish and flies against our ethics as sportsmen. Unless I am mistaken, or hopefully there is an inadvertent omission from the season.

Wayne

Sent from my iPhone

From: pearsonfr@comcast.net
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Ocean areas
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:25:11 AM

The decision to continue the use of non-selective gear is very disappointing. If this was a financial venue, it is tantamount to spending our capital (the ability to create value in the future) instead of living off the interest and growth of capital. No successful Wall Street investor would be so foolhardy.

The use of non-selective gear will result in unavoidable deadly bycatch.

Larry Franks
Issaquah, WA
BS Fisheries (Salmonid Culture) UW 1979

Home: 425.392.2571 (preferred)

Cell: 425.922.9754

From: [ARSC](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Ocean areas
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:34:28 PM

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Thank you,

Capt. Mark Coleman - Guide/Owner

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From: Janet marx <janetmarx_76@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:52 AM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orca allocations

Do not continue to ignore the plight of our Southern Resident Orcas. Please allot them allocations before it is too late.

Thank You,
Janet Marx
112 Lockerbie PI
Port Angeles, WA 98362



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From: tjkkmargo@juno.com
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 1:29 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas

I am asking that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

JoAnn Margo
Duluth, MN

From: Becky <beckypat1843@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 2:08 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas Count Too

To Whom It May Concern,

I have always been a strong advocate of commercial and sport fishing, however, I strongly believe that times are changing in our precious waters and we need to look past the needs of humans and respect our mammals as well. Please allow the needs of our resident orcas to have a seat at the table while the allotments are being discussed. Their needs are are priority and I hope you will consider this during your discussions.

Respectfully,
Becky Patterson
6110 Parkside Drive
Anacortes, WA 98221

From: Grace Wright <gjwright@sonic.net>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 7:05 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas deserve seat at the table

Please include the orcas when you allocate the chinook salmon. They deserve a seat at the table along with the rest. They are literally starving to death and need all the help we can muster. Thank you!

Grace Wright
Port Townsend, WA

Sent from my iPad

From: Linda Park <lpark@rc.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 6:51 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas

I have been a supporter of the southern resident killer whales for many years and had the supreme honor of seeing and interacting with them in 2015. These amazing animals must be saved if we are to call ourselves a civilized society. Therefore, I adamantly request your consideration when allocations and management decisions are made in the 2019 North of Falcon process.

Sincerely,
Dr. Linda Park

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sara O'Connell <sarah0911@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2019 10:33 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas need a seat at the table

Hello,

As a former kayak guide on the west side of San Juan and a resident of Friday Harbor, I plead with you to give SRKW (Orcas) an allocation of Chinook salmon sufficient enough to recover their population. This needs to happen NOW!!

With all due respect,
Sierra O'Connell
SJI Youth Conservation Corps Coordinator
206-602-9185

From: Jill Hein <jillhein@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 9:35 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas need an allotment too

Please please allot a quota of chinook salmon to our SRKW's, they have no choice, all their food MUST come from the ocean. Humans at least have a choice.

Thank you.
Jill Hein
Coupeville, WA

From: Christina Mullee <christinamullee@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:52 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas need salmon too

Please allocate the proper amount of salmon for the orcas of the Salish Sea.

Thank you
Chaliea Mullee

Sent from my iPad

From: Blaire Harrington <harringtonbe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 1:14 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Orcas

Hi,

I stopped eating fish when I followed the story of Orca mom who pushed her dead calf for 17 days last year. Please give the starving SRKW a seat at the table when considering salmon allocations. I don't want the orcas to go extinct! Thank you for your help and assistance!

Very Respectfully,
Blaire Harrington

Washington resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Maren Custer <maren.custer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 5:17 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Our resident orcas

Hi,

Please, in your discussions regarding northwest fisheries this year, include discussion of the plight our resident orcas are facing as they struggle to find food.

Thank you for your time,
Maren Custer

From: Ed Chadd <edchadd@olympen.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 10:40 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please allocate salmon for orcas

The orcas deserve a seat at the table when determining fishery allocations. Since they can't sit in the room with you all, someone will have to do their best to represent them.
Sincerely, Ed Chadd, Port Angeles, WA

From: Steve Smith <alpinejustice@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 11:04 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please consider orcas in your salmon allocations

More than ever, the critically-endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales need all the help they can get, if future generations are going to continue to see them. The work it will take to recover these whales is widespread, but no single piece makes a bigger difference in the short-term than food availability.

By factoring orcas into the fishing allocations (especially, chinook salmon allocations), you have an opportunity to make a crucial difference.

Thanks for considering this piece of the ecosystem as you strive for a reasonable and sustainable balance between many factors that rely on salmon. No species relies on them more than the Southern Resident Killer Whales, however.

Steve Smith
Seattle, WA

From: cindy@orcaneetwork.org
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:05 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please consider Southern Resident orcas in harvest allocations

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife,

I was part of a small group that attended several of the North of Falcon, Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings, representing the Southern Resident orcas and their need for a salmon allocation. We are still learning and trying to understand how this process works and I want to thank all of the staff, particularly Penny Becker, for being so welcoming. I also want to thank you for including the Southern Resident orcas in the conversation and discussing the need to ensure that fisheries are not affecting them in a negative way. This was very encouraging to hear. I am hopeful that with ongoing salmon recovery efforts, it will be possible to make sure the Southern Residents get what they need while honoring tribal treaty rights and including commercial and recreational fishing in the quotas as well. I am not sure how to make that happen but I urge you to continue including this topic in the deliberations and giving the Southern Resident orcas a seat at the table this year and into the future.

Sincerely,
Cindy Hansen

Cindy Hansen
Education and Events Coordinator, Orca Network
www.orcaneetwork.org



From: Arthur Rochester <arthurr@digitraxsound.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 2:13 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please Consider the Orcas

Dear North of Falcon,

To maintain a healthy and balanced ecosystem in the Salish Sea, it is most important to consider the Southern Population of Orcas. Since it does not look like the dams on the Lower Snake River will be breached anytime soon, we must closely ration the take of salmon.

Historically the orcas have not had a seat at the table during these talks or been given a harvest allocation. With the steady decline of the Southern Resident orca population due to diminishing prey abundance, fisheries managers have become aware of the need to include the Southern Residents in the dialogue. The needs of the whales have been discussed on several occasions throughout the 2019 North of Falcon process, and it is vital to ensure this conversation continues.

Sincerely,

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From: TreefrogBeads <TreefrogBeads@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 7:39 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please consider the Southern Resident killer whales!

Hello,

I just read that the North of Falcon process oversees fishing in the Pacific Coast region, and allocates fishing quotas. The blog that I read explained that historically, the Southern Residents have not been incorporated during these talks or been given a harvest allocation.

I'm writing today to ask that the Southern Resident killer whales please be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made. As you know, our resident orca whales are in grave danger of extinction, and the choices that we make today can have a profound impact on their survival. Please consider their needs as you make your decisions regarding 2019 fishing quotas.

Thanks and best wishes,

Andrea Adams
Olympia, WA

From: John Boyd <jbfhpc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2019 6:42 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please Consider the SRKWs When Deciding Allocations

I just wanted to respectfully ask that when you sit down and divvy up the “allocation pie”, that one of the most important stakeholders should be the Southern Resident Killer Whales. As I’m sure you are very well aware, these amazing animals are starving to death. They have had one successful birth in the last 3 years. And the number one factor in determining survivability of the calves is a sustainable and large amount of salmon to eat for mom.

Contrast this birth trend with those of the Bigg’s Killer Whales, aka Mammal-feeding orcas. In the last 9 years, we have seen 75 new births! These calves are not only surviving, but thriving and it is directly attributable to the plentiful pinniped population found in our local waters. These whales are ahead on doing their own version of culling the seals and sea lions.

Shouldn’t SRKWs have the same opportunity to thrive as well? Please give them their allocation first before any other stakeholder so that we can ensure these amazing animals continue to live in our waters for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinions.

Sincerely

John Boyd
Friday Harbor, WA
Certified Marine Naturalist
Founding Member, Salish Sea Association of Marine Naturalists Founding Member, Salish Sea Ecosystem Advocates

From: Kelly Maeva hollier <whishka@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 12:20 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give a seat to the table for southern resident Killer whales

Dear,

Please, give a place to the table for southern resident killer whales so that they are always taken into account when allocations and management decisions are made.

They need help, they need salmon to survive. Their future is in our hands, they deserve the right to be considered and protected. We love them with all our heart.

Cordially,

Kelly Maeva

Envoyé de mon iPhone

From: Las Vegas Climate Save <lasvegasclimatesave@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 2:45 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give Orcas a Seat at the Table

- Historically, orcas have not had a seat at the table during harvest allocation talks, but with the steady decline of the Southern Resident orca population due to diminishing prey abundance, fisheries managers have become aware of the need to include the Southern Residents in the dialogue. The needs of the whales have been discussed on several occasions throughout the 2019 North of Falcon process, and it is vital to ensure this conversation continues. Please do everything you can to ensure the Southern Resident orcas are "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made this season.

Thank you,
Lauren Williamson
Henderson, NV 89074

From: Daryth Morrissey <darythmorrissey@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2019 6:58 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give Orcas a seat at the table

When you know better, you do better. Please let representatives of the Southern Residents, who rely primarily on salmon for their survival have attend North of Falcon.
Please make decisions at this meeting that benifit these sentiate beings. Don't deny them food based on man's greed. Please.

Daryth Morrissey

From: Tomoko Shimotomai <tshimotomai@accuray.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 3:48 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give Southern Resident Killer Whales a seat at the table

Hello,

Please give Southern Resident Killer Whales a seat at the table when you talk about how to manage the Northwest's recreational and commercial salmon fisheries. My family and I visit San Juan Island every year, and we have been witnessing these highly endangered whales die one by one from starvation.

Please allocate enough salmon for Southern Resident Killer Whales to survive without going to extinction.

Sincerely,
Tomoko Shimotomai
Nicene Porter Shimotomai
Ryuta Shimotomai
22 Hatton Ave.,
Watsonville, CA 95076

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From: Martha Rosas <mir2103@tc.columbia.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:50 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give Southern Resident Orcas a seat at the table

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to respectfully ask that the Southern Residents Orcas be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made. These animals are amazingly beautiful and intelligent and it would be very upsetting to watch them starve for lack of salmon. Furthermore, they have helped the San Juan Islands and Washington by increasing tourism. I myself am a native New Yorker who went to Washington for the first time a few years ago expressly to see the Southern Resident Killer Whales. As part of a research project, my daughter found the Whale Museum and adopted Cookie because he was born the same year my daughter was. It was beautiful to see them up close at Lime Kiln State Park and I have recommended that many people visit the San Juan Islands as a result of that trip and plan to return soon as well.

Please consider these Orcas and the livelihood of the people that live from the tourism that they generate in the San Juan Islands when allocating fishing quotas this year.

Respectfully yours,

Martha Rosas

From: Jennifer Kupsch <jenniferbooth1981@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 8:14 PM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give the orcas a seat at the table

To whom it may concern,

I respectfully ask you to please give the orcas a seat at the table! They desperately need our help.

Thank you

Jennifer Kupsch
Delta BC

From: Debbie Hite <debbiejhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:20 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please Give the Orcas a Seat

Certainly hope you will give the Orcas a seat at the table! Heart felt thanks for caring! 🌟👉☆

Sent from my iPad

From: Amy Nesler <anesler3784@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 11:04 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give the Southern Residents a seat at the table

To Whom It Concerns,

I'm writing to you today to ask that the Southern Resident community of orcas be given a seat at the table when fishery allocations are made. Columbia River salmon are a significant prey source for these pods, whose populations continue to decline due to a lack of food. We owe it to both these totems of the Northwest to make sure they have their best chance of survival and recovery. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy Nesler

From: Serena Feller <serenat23@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 9:41 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Please give the SRKWs a seat at the table

To whom it may concern,

I am a Canadian citizen writing with great concern regarding the precarious fate of the Southern Resident Orcas. I respectfully request that you please consider the southern resident orcas while considering your salmon allocation. I beg of you to consider the consequences of starving the SRKWs to extinction if we do not take action to help support them at this time. You are able to make the choices that allow them to survive or become extinct.... please use your voice for the betterment of the SRKWs.

Many thanks in advance for your dedication to the wellbeing of our shared ecosystems.

Kindest Regards,

Serena Feller

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.
Mahatma Gandhi

From: hansonsarahliz@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 4:24 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Proper allocation of salmon

The Southern Resident Killer Whales need their weight in food allocated in order to have adequate chance for survival.
Thank you, Sarah Hanson Friday Harbor resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: mz. Lynn <raidergal70@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 9:15 AM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: protecting the southern resident killer whales

I understand that each year, Federal and tribal fishery managers gather to plan for the Northwest's recreational and commercial salmon fisheries. Known as the North of Falcon process, it oversees fishing in the Pacific Coast region & allocates fishing quotas. .

Historically, the Southern Residents have not been incorporated during these talks or been given a harvest allocation. This year, let's change that to help ensure the Southern Residents get the food they need to survive. I implore you to take into consideration a moratorium this year on chinook fishing to allow the population to replenish itself or in the very least to reduce the allotment given to sports fishing and tribal fishing.

We have all see the unbearable scenes of J35 carrying her decaying baby around for 17 days, the anguish is evident in this act of mourning. We all witnessed the "too late, too little" attempt by NOAA to save the starving J50 and we have all seen the images of the numerous starving Orcas out there, not to mention that there are a couple out there that are currently pregnant. They need food to survive, primarily Chinook salmon because of the high fat content to produce the milk to feed their babies and in general to increase fat storage so that they don't have to deplete their current fat storage which has PCB's in them...thanks to humans.

It is our duty to right the wrongs that we have done to them. It is a sad time, when the marine life that once flourished, has to depend on the one thing (Humans) that put them in this situation, to save them.

How many more are we going to let starve to death or how many more babies will die within hours, days, months of birth because mom can't provide enough milk for them. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING to save them from extinction....this world can live without salmon....they can't

Sincerely,

Meris Untalan

From: [Stephanie Buffum](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: North of Falcon Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:33:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Members,

We are watching your livestream meeting of the North of Falcon process from the San Juans today.

On behalf of our 2,000 members, Friends of the San Juans commends the North of Falcon collaborative process. Chinook salmon are a priceless asset to our regional economy and culture. Especially to our Southern Resident orca whales who are starving. In the past 30 years the average King Salmon has become smaller. Southern Resident Orca need ~300 lbs. salmon per day to survive. If a Chinook salmon weighs 15 lbs. each SRKW need 20 salmon per day. (75 SRKW x 20 salmon) x 365 = 547,500 Chinook salmon per year.

We ask you to consider these factors in your decisions. Please give the Southern Resident Orca a seat at the allocation table.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Buffum, MPA, MURP
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From: [PT Person](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound Chinook
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:41:47 AM

I strongly support the proposed change for minimum size on chinook in area 13 from 22 inches down to 18 inches during July, August, and September.

Peter Epperson
Lacey, WA

From: william pettibone <williampettibone@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 7:16 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

Why do the salt fisherman get to reap all the benefits from this I don't own a boat I'm s solid river bank fisherman with no change yet I'm still paying the state to sit home this should be an all in one affair regardless of the taste of water this is just bias and the fresh water fishermen are as always losing

From: Jeff Christen <jthalibet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 5:29 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

The marine area 10 June coho fishery, is very important to me as a salmon fisherman. The fishery comes at a great time of the year , and is enjoyable.

Thanks, Jeff Christen 425 308 6928
5108 80th ST NE Marysville WA 98270

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: william pettibone <williampettibone@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 7:16 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

Why do the salt fisherman get to reap all the benefits from this I don't own a boat I'm s solid river bank fisherman with no change yet I'm still paying the state to sit home this should be an all in one affair regardless of the taste of water this is just bias and the fresh water fishermen are as always losing

From: Shaun Terry <oldbait805@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:55 PM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

To whom it may concern. I was not able to attend this morning's meeting due to my work schedule. However, it is important to submit a comment and have a voice in support of freshwater fisheries. I grew up in Snohomish and Skagit counties. My family has fished local rivers and area 8-1, 8-2 and 9 since the early 60's focusing our attention on fishing for Steelhead, chums, Coho, sockeye, kings and sturgeon until recent years. I reviewed your fish return run estimates and proposed upcoming 2019 fishing opportunities for both rivers and marine areas and find myself reminiscing about years past when Snohomish county held the largest coho derby on the west coast. Pink salmon and chum salmon were in an abundance. Steelhead, sockeye and king salmon returns supported fishing for all who pursued them and there was a sturgeon catch and keep season. What happened? 2015 and 2017 drought conditions existed and rivers were closed but perseiners were allowed to continue fishing Everett to Mukilteo and southington area 9. I counted 18 boats at a time over several weeks that had nets so full of salmon they were listing and we wonder why there are only 600,000 pinks estimated return. Or, blame it on poor ocean conditions. Pink salmon was the last consistant fishery our local rivers had before 2015. Chum salmon are depleted since a demand in grocery stores happened. The Snohomish, Skagit and Stilly rivers had a stellar chum return before that. We have noticed different eagle behavior on the Skagit river. This year and the last several years there have been less eagles in the upper river. This winter we saw the most eagles in the tributaries of the Skagit. Coho runs are down, sockeye on the Skagit are limited to a small area promoting combat fishing. King salmon on the Skagit and skykomish rivers are also confined to small areas of the river. Steelhead runs are at an all time low since 2013 after the outcone of lawsuits from WFC. The Steelhead is susposed to be our state fish. It is embarrassing when I have friends and family from other parts of the country ask when to come out and fish and I have to tell them that another year of low returns so the river is closed. Sea lion and cormorants population have to be at an all time high and nothing seems to be happening to control them. Pollution, water filtration I have not heard any updates in work on updating water filtration treatment plants to stop pharmaceutical and micro contaminants from being released into the sound. It is great you are buying up land and fixing culverts and plugged water ways but when are we going to see something done to increase actual fish runs and manage predation? I love fishing for Salmon, Steelhead and Sturgeon in Washington and would love to see future generations enjoy the experience I had growing up vs just going for a boat ride as one of my friends have said or explaining and keeping interest of my son during an outing on the river fishing. There is a saying just getting outside and enjoying time on the water and who you are with is what it is all about if you catch or don't catch anything. You can an only say that so many times. To sum it up, River fishing in Snohomish and Skagit county is at an all time low. If an angler doesn't have a boat to get out in Puget sound most likely they won't have much to look forward to locally. Low returns of fish affect everyone in the community and counties, tribal, anglers and commercial.

Thank you,
Shaun Terry

From: twogoodsatpa <twogoodsatpa@olympen.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 8:23 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

WHY ARE RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN PENALIZED WITH LIMITED TIME TO FISH AND 1 FISH LIMITS BASED ON WILD FISH PROJECTED RETURNS WHEN WE CANT KEEP THE WILD STOCKS.

JOE TWOGOOD

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

From: ARSC <mark@allwashingtonfishing.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 5:06 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

It's crucial to local fishing charters, residents, and tourist that Marine Area 10 is open for Coho salmon in June, whether it be catch and release, or catch and keep. Honestly, a catch and keep fishery would probably result in less impacts overall.

Thank you,

Capt. Mark Coleman - Guide/Owner

All Rivers & Saltwater Charters
www.AllWashingtonFishing.com
425-736-8920

Pelagic Pursuits Costa Rica
www.CatchFishCostaRica.com
425-736-8920 (US)
506-4001-8430 (CR)

31' Luhrs "Go Fish", Los Suenos Marina

*Any mentioned availability does not ensure that another party is not currently working on reserving. Reservations are confirmed when deposits are made.

From: Joey D <joeyoutdoorsman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 12:29 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

Samish river should be fly fishing only and baroness! Tired of fishing next to snaggers! Nooksack river should be 2 Wild+4 Hatchery Coho on the mainstem of river. Seriously, Samish River needs to be Fly Fishing Only.

From: Robert Dreyer <supertrain222@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:50 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

Concerning the possibility of a spring chinook season on the Skagit river from the mouth to gilligan creek. Would like to see this but wouldn't it be better to open the river up to say concrete for those of us that live between concrete and seder woolley. On the sockeye side would like to see the same, but with maybe just a Friday afternoon to Sunday night if the upper Skagit tribe would agree. Think that this is not to much to ask for, seemed to work last year for silvers. Just a idea. Thank you for your time

From: shane.a.hunter@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 2:27 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

Open up the skokomish river to nontribal or shut down the hatchery and remove state funding.

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From: Lowe, Larry <LGLowe@SNOPUD.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:57 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Cc: McDonnell, Andrew; Binkley, Keith
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

The proposed Skykomish River (mouth to Wallace River) fishery which is scheduled to open on June 1 has devastating effects on wild winter steelhead. Approximately 10% of the winter steelhead in the area spawn after June 1 and the peak spawning month is May. Therefore returning steelhead that have not yet spawned are impacted by this fishery but more importantly is the impact on kelts. Skykomish/Snohomish winter steelhead escapement has been on a severe decline in recent years and the 2018 escapement was approximately half of the historic low.

Target species for this fishery are summer Chinook returning to the Wallace Hatchery and summer run steelhead returning to Reiter Ponds and fishing pressure is extremely high. WDFW has not done a creel census for many years. I have heard rumors that this fishery may open on May 25.

Please delay the opening of this fishery to June 15 at the earliest in order to reduce the harmful impact it has on our winter steelhead.

From: Brian Ingalls <briantingalls@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:44 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

These proposed regulations discriminate against freshwater fisherman, such as myself, that do not have the means or equipment to fish saltwater. The ability to fish for salmon in Washington state should not depend on one's affluence. I would ask you to reconsider the draft regulations, particularly for the Snohomish river. It is grossly unfair to allocate the fishing opportunities to only saltwater anglers.

Thank you.

Brian Ingalls

From: Ben Ingalls <ben.c.ingalls@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 8:29 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

Looking at the proposed seasons, it looks like river fisherman and bank anglers in the Snohomish river system are going to be getting the short end of the stick. The saltwater and river seasons should be set to give equal opportunity to us river anglers. Salmon fishing in this state has quickly become a rich person's privilege, and there are a lot of people who can't afford the equipment and travel cost associated with saltwater salmon fishing.

Please think about us river anglers when setting the seasons. I have lots of friends and family that will decide not to buy fishing licenses at all this year and into the future if we are to continue to be neglected.

-Ben Ingalls

From: Patti Ingalls <jus.moo2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 12:25 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

I am writing to voice my concerns with the proposed fishing guidelines for 2019. It appears, just like last year, that a disproportionate share of the Snohomish river coho salmon run will be allocated to saltwater anglers. Opening the river up for only the month of September effectively creates a one week season. Fish do not typically show up in fish-able numbers until the last week of that month.

Additionally, not all of us are blessed enough to be able to afford the necessary boat and equipment to safely fish in the saltwater. The proposed regulations unfairly penalize bank fishermen and those with craft too small for saltwater use.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed draft and devise a plan to equitably distribute the run among all the stakeholders. Fishing should not be a privilege enjoyed by only those with sufficient means. Simply purchasing a fishing license should be enough to ensure that we all have equal opportunity to chase these fish, regardless of run size.

Thank you.

From: Torrey Banes <cohoking@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 11:54 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons

On the behalf of myself and the group Stilly Valley Sport Fisherman. We would like to see the Stillaguamish river open to Coho salmon fishing this year.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [David Hicks](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:00:30 AM

Swan Creek park Juvenile fishing only

The end of swan creek has a large pond just before going under pioneer road and into the puyallup river.

Juvenile fishing should be allowed from Nov 1st - Dec. 30th for chum salmon

We see people fishing there every winter, but pretty sure it's illegal. It would be a perfect juvenile fishing pond.

Easy access, and hopes of a huge fish

J
}<(((*)>
ignorantfisherman@me.com

From: [David Hicks](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:24:54 AM

Puyallup River

Closure of within 400 feet of clarks creek to be limited to bank angling only. Boats can access waters within 400 feet.

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From: [David Hicks](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:56:37 AM

Make Flossing/Snagging illegal

Leader lengths should not exceed 36 inches. Make flossing illegal. Fish are being snagged outside the mouth at sunrise, and sunset in super high numbers as fish move up river.

Snagging: Take or attempting to take a fish with a hook and line by hooking the fish anywhere other than in the mouth or in a way that does not entice the fish to voluntarily take the hook inside it's mouth, includes flossing. Game fish hooked anywhere other than inside the mouth must be immediately released unharmed.

Below is a link describing what Oregon enforced on the Rogue River to end snagging/flossing

<http://mailtribune.com/oregon-outdoors/fishing-rule-changes-will-target-flossing->

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From: [Brian Stone](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:43:16 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Hello,

Thanks for taking the time to read my comments.

Here is what I'd like to see as far as Puget Sound salmon season go.

MA 8-1 – Open August 1st through September 30th for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho and pinks.

MA 8-2 – Open August 1st through September 30th for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho and pinks.

MA 9 – Open July 1st through October 31st for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho and pinks.

If you are going to restrict MA 9 in October, make it shore fishing only during for the month of October. Two hatchery coho limit in October. Release wild coho in October.

Open MA 9 on July 16th to retention of only one hatchery chinook to keep the season / quota going longer.

Open MA 10 Open June 1st through October 31st for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho.

Open MA 10 on July 16th to retention of only one hatchery chinook to keep the season / quota going longer.

Thank you,
Brian Stone
Seattle, WA

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From: [David Hicks](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:29:23 AM

Puyallup River

Sunday closure on Puyallup river should be down river where the white river enter the puyallup. Not entire river closure.

This will not interfere with the netting that occurs on sunday, monday tuesday from the white river to the mouth

J
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ignorantfisherman@me.com

From: [David Hicks](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:31:02 AM

Puyallup River

Catch and release wild coho

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From: [David Hicks](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 8:27:11 AM

Puyallup River

Flossing illegal. This form of fishing is wiping out the runs. Leaders not to exceed 36 inches. I used to participate, and now watch as fish are legally snagged outside the mouth. It's easy, and can produce easy fish without much effort.

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From: pearsonfr@comcast.net
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound freshwater salmon seasons
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:21:01 AM

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Larry Franks
Issaquah, WA
BS Fisheries (Salmonid Culture) UW 1979

From: [gary guinotte](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area 13 salmon seasons
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:24:05 PM

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A lot of those jacks use to be harvested in Capitol lake by sportsmen but that harvest was lost by the closure of the lake to fishing. I had fished the Lake for 25 years and caught lots of jacks in the 16 to 20 inch range on eggs.

WDFW In-Season Hatchery Escapement Report for

2018 TUMWATER FALLS HATCHERY Deschutes River Hatchery Stock- H jacks 3,806
2017 - TUMWATER FALLS HATCHERY Deschutes River Hatchery Stock- H jacks 702

From: Hughes, Kirt M (DFW)
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 1:50 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Cc: sbmathews38@yahoo.com
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

Attention ALL STAFF:

In addition to their inclusion in our public input meetings for the North of Falcon process, I am posting the following proposals on behalf of Dr. Stephen B. Mathews, to our NOF comment page ensuring that they are part of the formal rule-making record.

WA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TESTIMONY. Mar. 2, 2019. Steve Mathews. sbmathews38@yahoo.com.

The present fishing mortality regime on chinook salmon is unsustainable. The effort at times is too much; the seasons are too long; the gear is too powerful; the by-catch mortality of little ones is too great. If fishing were closed for 10 years and then re-set, a more rational chinook salmon fishing regime might look like this:

NO YEAR ROUND FISHING- summers only on mature (end of life) chinook salmon.

NO CATCH AND RELEASE- for either sport or commercial; (chinook salmon are not trout in a stream).

Annual, individual sport catch quotas in numbers; enforced by electronic (I-phone) reporting.

Commercial quotas by gear type; 100% observer coverage; electronic, real-time monitoring.

NO MINIMUM-SIZE LIMITS- because throwbacks would be illegal.

NO SPAWNING GROUND FISHING- all stream spawning sections closed for the spawning season.

NO NATURAL BAITS- herring, shrimp, or salmon eggs; (dogfish, rockfish, sturgeon swallow these too).

NO TREBLE HOOKS- single barbless everywhere; (lures with three, barbed treble hooks are still legal).

NO FLASHERS, NO HOOTCHIES- only large plugs, spoons, jigs, spinners, etc.

NO UNLIMITED-DEPTH COMMERCIAL NETS- the redundant web in the water kills other marine life too.

NO NIGHTTIME GILLNETTING- chinooks come up at night; the other salmon can be caught all day long.

NO TOWING ON OPENED PURSE SEINES- target species can be caught without "trawling".

WHAT ELSE WOULD GO AWAY?

BY-CATCH- of small, immature chinook; that elephant in the room would tend to vanish.

WASTAGE- of small, dead but edible chinook salmon.

MASS MARKING- that expensive, suspect program needs evaluation by a blue ribbon science panel.

RECOVERY BOXES- that unnecessary plumbing is mostly for show.

CONTROVERSIAL "HOOKING MORTALITY" STUDIES- let's stop debating that problematic science.

SPECIAL RULES- like different sport landing rules for boats over and under 30 feet.

HATCHERY SURPLUSES- there would be none if carcasses above reproductive needs were distributed throughout each river for fertilization.

The current fishing regime is driven by **THE NEEDS OF THE FISHERMEN** not **THE NEEDS OF THE FISH**. The alternative would self-correct fishing abuses, and also provide better fishing mortality data.

From: Cathleen Burns <commcomm2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 3:42 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

The SRKW need approximately 550,000 chinook salmon/yr. to survive, so please stop all commercial and recreational fishing for chinook due to the Endangered Species Act, This Act requires we do all we can to prevent their extinction. Humans have many other options for food, the Southern Residents don't. This of course, excludes tribes, who are entitled to their salmon. The few salmon should only be taken by tribes and the SRKW.

Cathleen Burns
98250

From: Robert Reeder <antaresnavigation@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 10:05 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

Please consider the needs of our Southern Resident Killer Whale population as you consider our fisheries generally. They are more dependent on the salmon runs than any of the rest of us.

Very respectfully,
Captain Robert Reeder, USMM Master 1600 tons

From: Brian Stone <bstone@ubmofwa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:32 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

Hello,
Thanks for taking the time to read my comments.
Here is what I'd like to see as far as Puget Sound salmon season go.

MA 8-1 – Open August 1st through September 30th for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho and pinks.

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MA 9 – Open July 1st through October 31st for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho and pinks.
If you are going to restrict MA 9 in October, make it shore fishing only during for the month of October. Two hatchery coho limit in October. Release wild coho in October.
Open MA 9 on July 16th to retention of only one hatchery chinook to keep the season / quota going longer.

Open MA 10 Open June 1st through October 31st for retention of two hatchery coho. Release wild coho.
Open MA 10 on July 16th to retention of only one hatchery chinook to keep the season / quota going longer.

Thank you,
Brian Stone
Seattle, WA

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Brian Stone – Account Executive
United Business Machines of WA. Inc.
11050 118th Place NE Kirkland, WA. 98033
425-897-4003 (Direct Line)
425-827-2672 (Fax)



From: Bill Macaras <wmacaras@centurytel.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 9:25 AM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

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Open Area 11 to two pole endorsement and study the impact. Adjust if necessary. If anything, allow two pole endorsement for the single angler in a boat.

Thank you,

Bill Macaras
Lakebay, Wa.

From: ARSC <mark@allwashingtonfishing.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 1:58 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

Marine area 7.

We have have families, friends, and businesses that rely on sport fishing in the San Juan Islands and it is important that we can have a salmon fishery in August each year. Our seasons are already short enough and losing the biggest month of the year would be devastating.

Thank you,

Capt. Mark Coleman - Guide/Owner

All Rivers & Saltwater Charters
www.AllWashingtonFishing.com
425-736-8920

Pelagic Pursuits Costa Rica
www.CatchFishCostaRica.com
425-736-8920 (US)
506-4001-8430 (CR)

31' Luhrs "Go Fish", Los Suenos Marina

*Any mentioned availability does not ensure that another party is not currently working on reserving. Reservations are confirmed when deposits are made.

From: Cathleen Burns <commcomm2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 9:36 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

Please consider that the SRKW need the chinook too when deciding allocations. Please don't let humans take all the salmon and leave none for the Southern Residents! They are dying from starvation, and the humans are not. They need them more! Thank you.

Cathleen Burns
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

From: CAPT St Luce <amystluce@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 7:47 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

Area 10 is a very important marine area for the Kitsap Peninsula and for our business. Please continue to allow it to be an area that can be fished within appropriate limits and seasons and we welcome any new opportunities for fishing in the South Sound and Area 10. As anglers, we respect the environment and the need to protect it and the Orca's but we also make our living from the Sound and the Salmon which we fish. We believe there is a way to ensure the survival of the Orca's and provide an enjoyable fishing season for all.

Lawrence (CAPT Lorenzo) St Luce
No Worries Fishing Charters

From: Bill Healy <dumpsterbill@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:13 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons

My family and I are looking forward to salmon fishing in the summer in Puget Sound. Specifically off of Edmonds and north of Edmonds. We want to make sure we are able to fish this summer. We are looking forward to fishing. We hope that lots more hatchery salmon are released so there is enough salmon for sportsmen and for The Orcas. We are also supportive of killing off the sea lions that are killing the salmon.

Bill healy.
Shoreline, WA.

From: [TONY JUDAH](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:22:05 AM

I enthusiastically support the proposed change for minimum size on chinook in area 13 from 22 inches down to 18 inches during July, August, and September. The chinook at this time at this size are mature adult chinook jacks that will be back into the Deschutes and Nisqually hatcheries within a week or two. Recent returns to these hatcheries have been on the order of 10,000 to 30,000 surplus chinook. The sport creel counts for July, August, and September total around 145 for the Luhr Beach, Zittels, and Boston Harbor boat launches combined. I estimate this change could allow the sport catch to double by allowing sport fishers to keep 100-200 adult jacks they have to release at this time.

Thanks for your consideration

Tony Judah

Lifetime Washington resident

From: [Brad Caldwell](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:38:42 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Curt Kraemer](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:17:49 PM

I have several PS salmon season suggestions for consideration during the 2019 NOF process.

1. MAs 9 through 11 June through August mark selective for coho.

The last several years wild coho returns to key primary stocks have been an issue. Over the last 20 years I have seen quite variable unclipped coho contributing to the “resident coho fishery during the summer in central sound. Clearly some years those stocks of concern are contributing to that fishery. It would seem that conducting those summer fisheries as MSF would reduce the take of unclipped coho providing a potential buffer to the wild populations such as the Snohomish during years of low returns.

2. Annual limit of 10 Chinook from MAs 5 through 13

More and more often am hearing requests to stretch out our fisheries to provide additional recreation. In this era of ESA listed stocks providing additional fishing within the allowable impacts is difficult. It is now time to consider how best to use the allowable impacts over the entire population of potential anglers. An annual limit would allow more fish to be available to the more casual angler – a broader angler base. 10 Chinook should be more than adequate for personal use for most anglers. For larger families where 10 fish may not be enough there should be family members who could contribute additional fish to the family’s table.

3. Prioritize the use of limited allowable ESA impacts during summer seasons over winter seasons.

A review of the annual MSF WDFW reports consistently have shown that for a given level of impacts summer fisheries typically produce more angler trips and more hatchery adults harvested. In addition the summer period typical provides better weather and appeals to a broader group of anglers – increasing the angler base.

4. In at least one MA during the summer season require the use of “large profile lures”; that is a lure with 4 or 5 inch profile (without hooks) such as a plug.

A review of the co-manager 2017 draft co-manager plan indicated that for Stillaguamish Chinook approximately 2/3 of the recreational impacts occurred as “shaker mortality”. If method(s) can be found to reduce the numbers of shakers encountered longer recreational seasons with increased harvest of target hatchery fish could be achieved; see suggestion #3. My and other experienced anglers (including WDFW test fishers) have consistently noticed that for example fishing with plugs significantly reduce shaker encounters while still providing a reasonable opportunity for legal size fish. This suggestion is nothing more than the next iteration of selective fishing – that is adopting methods that maximize the harvest of target fish while minimizing the impacts on stocks of concerns.

Curt Kraemer
Marysville, Washington
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Tim Lewis](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:02:35 PM

Dear NOF Members,

I am a western Washington salmon angler. My recommendations for the 2019 season are as follows:

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Sincerely,

Tim Lewis
Washington Resident Angler

From: [James Pacheco](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:35:01 PM

Greetings Commissioners

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Gratefully,
James Pacheco
orcafriend@yahoo.com

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From: kaidius32@gmail.com
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 4:37:48 AM

With the increase in coho return I would love to see another season for 8-1 / 8-2 fisheries and at least a short pink season in the same areas. It really helps get kids out and interested in the fishing in Puget sound!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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From: [M.Vekved](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 12:40:52 PM

The media and the scientists are making a compelling point. The orca are starving. Please give the orca the necessary salmon, the food they need to survive. If we are considering the sustainability of our Salish sea, our islands, our economy, and our community, the orcas should have an **allocation** just as the people do.

Thanks, Michel

From: [Jennifer Price](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019 2:47:19 PM

Please do not open “catch and release” for charter boats. This is a waste of true fishing opportunities for other recreational boaters.

Please open catch and keep seasons, and those kept fish should be the only fish counted. Don't count the encounters.

Jennifer Price

From: lanceye@comcast.net
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Sunday, March 24, 2019 9:21:19 AM

Hi, I wanted to voice my disappointment over the way marine area 9 was managed last year. It opened on a Monday and then closed Sunday for an "evaluation" and then reopened the following Thursday through Sunday. How are people possibly supposed to plan for that? A lot of us plan our vacations around this fishery literally a year in advance because that's what you have to do to get accommodations. If it had closed because the quota was hit we would be fine with that, we know there aren't any guarantees. This fishery needs to be managed and updated in real time. Each day there should be a post on the website so that we know where we are with respect to the quota.

There was a group of people that showed up at their campsite on Friday who were booked until Wednesday. As they are setting up camp they get the email saying that their 5 day fishing trip is now only 2 days. And then on Tuesday they find out that it will open again the day after they leave. That is tough to take and doesn't need to happen.

I'm not asking for more fish or more time, all I'm asking is to let it run consecutive days until the quota is reached.

Thanks,
Lance

From: [Jon Jennings](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:06:54 AM

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Jon

From: mglariviere@aol.com
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:25:02 PM

I am writing to submit a proposed regulation change for Area 13.

We have observed that the average size of mature Chinook returning to the south Sound has decreased in recent years and it is not uncommon for us to catch 18" to 21" adipose-clipped maturing Chinook in the late summer/early fall. These are not blackmouth but are maturing fish destined for the Deschutes, Nisqually or Minter Creek hatcheries. The current regulations do not allow us to keep these fish.

We would like to propose a regulation change for Marine Area 13 for sport fishermen to retain Chinook >18" during the period July - September annually. This proposal has the support of the Olympia chapter of Puget Sound Anglers and other sport fishermen that we have reached out to.

Mark LaRiviere
Cell # (253) 381-9657

From: Elisabet Riya <elisabet.riya1414@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 7:17 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Re: North of Falcon

I respectfully ask that the Southern Resident orcas be given a seat at the table and be given consideration when allocation and decision management is made. Please don't let them go hungry.

Thank you and God bless.

On Tue, Apr 9, 2019, 9:15 PM Elisabet Riya <elisabet.riya1414@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Jeanne Hyde <141157@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 8:04 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: re: seat at the table for the Southern Resident Orcas

The Southern Resident orcas have inhabited these waters and fed on wild Chinook salmon for more years than anyone knows. Yet, when allocation for the fish began, the orcas did not have a say. No one has represented them.

For many years now, the Southern Resident orcas have been giving the humans the information regarding the lack of salmon, but evidently they were discounted or not even considered. However, they are a community that is part of this ecosystem and need to be 'listened to'.

Please, it's time for them to be included and have a 'seat at the table' when allocations and management decisions are made.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Hyde
Friday Harbor, WA

From: Teresa Stokes <tlstokespoetry@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 4:18 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Regarding Allocation of Salmon & Other Fish Resources

I grew up on Fox Island, in the south Puget Sound. Recently with the growing research and data on the critically endangered Southern Resident Orcas, and the endangered Chinook Salmon, I hope you will consider greatly reducing the number of fish allocated across the board. To fix a broken system, we need to help it rebalance and become abundant once more. We must not drain any fish resources at this time. We can all step back and allow nature to replenish itself. Please consider the starving orcas first, before any human allocation for now.

Thank you for considering my comments. May you make wise decisions that our children and our children's children will be proud you made.

Respectfully,

Teresa Stokes

From: Stacey Hansen <renegadefox@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 4:24 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Regarding the southern resident orcas

Please consider allowing more salmon for the southern resident orcas

Sent from my iPhone

From: Vera Wieland <glasslass50@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 8:56 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Remember the Orcas!

Please make sure that the Southern Resident Orcas are "given a seat at the table" during the allocation process. They should NOT be ignored!!!! Thank you from Vera Wieland

From: Sandy Carlsen <clarysandy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:14 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Response

I would like to suggest that you divide area nine into an area 9a and 9b with the dividing line from Foul Weather Bluff across to Double Bluff, this would allow you to better manage numbers of Chinook and Coho going into Hood Cana and past this line around the lower end of Whidbey Island and towards the lower Sound. You could alternate openings in these two areas to allow fisherman to have a place to go and at the same time allow fish passage. Example 9a open for 1 or 2wks then 9b open for 1 or 2wks then back to 9a for a week then 9b for a week etc. I have never understood why this Puget Sound area that is so important for fish passage into the canal overlaps with passage beyond and is not divided.

Thank You Clary Carlsen

From: Michelle Secord <michellesecord@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 2:34 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Salmon allocation

Please allow enough Chinook Salmon to be allocated to the Southern resident Orcas so they dont starve-to death ! Have mercy!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Pamela Lorca <pamelitalorca@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 2:25 PM
To: NorthhofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Salmon allocations

When allocations and management decisions are being made I ardently urge your team to consider the great Southern Resident orcas and give them a seat at the table. They rely on salmon as their main food source and these decisions determine their survivability. We have a responsibility to be stewards for our Earth and all living creatures.

Pamela Casanova Lorca

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From: Cyndie-Lea Wang <cyndielea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 8:47 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Salmon for Orcas

To those involved in the North Falcon process I humbly ask that you please give Southern Resident orcas "a seat at the table" that they be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

Thank you,
Cyndie-Lea Wang

From: [OnBoard Tours](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Salmon for SRKW
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 6:51:51 PM

Please consider collaborating and addressing fisheries and management impacts on prey availability for endangered, species in the spotlight, starving Southern Resident killer whales (SRKW).

Please consider establishing terminal fishing, including tribal knowledge, for restoration, recovery, and sustainable commercial fisheries.

Chinook salmon are 80% of the diet of SRKW. In the past 30 years the average Chinook salmon has become smaller by all our human impacts. Southern Resident killer whales need ~300 lbs. of salmon per day to survive. If a Chinook salmon weighs 15 lbs., each SRKW need 20 salmon per day.
 $SRKW\ 75 \times 20\ salmon \times 365 = 547,500\ salmon\ needed\ per\ year.$

NOAA has historically allocated prey for endangered species, such as salmon allocated for St Lawrence Beluga whales.

Southern Resident killer whales need a seat at the management table, they need a share of salmon to survive. Please allocate salmon for SRKW.

Thank you for your consideration, I hope sustainable changes actually happen.

Sincerely,
Caroline Armon
Marine Ecology Educator

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From: Christine Balcom <beesnblossoms@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 12:31 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Salmon Harvest Allocation

Please consider and include our southern resident Orca's during the current allocation as they are directly impacted by these numbers and in dire need of our help.

Thank you,
Christine Balcom

From: Shayna McCagg <shayna.mccagg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:08 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Salmon

Hello,

Are we 100% positive that we are making the best decisions for our future food supply and ecosystems? As the people with this important responsibility, I have my confidence in you to make these informed decisions.

As a registered dietitian, I am faced with similar questions each day ie. what am I doing to improve things and make them right again?

As you know, there are many issues with our food system. Each a result of past decisions, perhaps influenced by various motives. Some will take decades to reverse. However, together we can change the norm, starting with our next decision.

Thank you for being the people to look at the bigger picture and make the right decision for the world.

Respectfully,

Shayna Huang, RD.

From: Katie Jones <orcan1281@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 1:58 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Killer Whale Salmon Allocation

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the endangered Southern Resident killer whale (SRKW) population. This very special population of orcas has graced the news a lot lately and not for good reasons. They are dying. Their population is very critically endangered and down to 75 individuals primarily because of a lack of their preferred prey: Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon make up about 80% of the SRKW diet.

I am respectfully asking that a salmon allocation be considered for Southern Resident killer whales. According to the Center for Whale Research, an adult SRKW can consume 200-450 pounds of salmon per day. Based on this estimate, they must catch 18-25 adult salmon per day (depending on the size of the salmon). This estimate works out to be approximately 1,400 salmon per day for the population (approximately 1/2 million salmon per year) for the population to maintain their current numbers. More than that would be needed for the population to grow.

Please help this iconic, invaluable species escape extinction - please consider a salmon allocation for Southern Resident killer whales.

Respectfully,
Katie Jones

From: Jessica Huie <jlhuie9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 12:32 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Killer Whales

On behalf of the Southern Resident Killer Whales, please give the starving SRKW a seat at the table when considering salmon allocations.

Thank you,
Jessica Huie

From: Alison Engle <whalespirit@rockisland.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 2:35 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Killer Whales Salmon Allocation

Dear North of Falcon representatives.

Please consider the Southern Resident Killer Whales when making your fish allocations and management decisions. This population of Orcas is on the brink of extinction and science shows that plentiful Salmon is what they need most. You can make a difference by giving them a seat at the table.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Alison Engle

Alison Engle
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whalespirit@rockisland.com

From: Kelly Shepard <kellyshepard82@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 9:35 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Killer whales

To whom it may concern:

Please give the southern resident Orcas a seat at your table when discussing purposed salmon fishing for 2019. The southern residents are starving to death and need every extra chinook salmon available to survive.

Thank you,
Kelly Shepard

From: ojenna1 <ojenna1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 7:28 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orca Salmon Allocations

I'm a Washington Resident who is politely asking for the numbers of salmon to the Southern Resident Orcas be increased.

These whales have been on my radar since I first saw them in the early 1990's. Things have changed for them and they desperately need our help. They do not have enough salmon and have been/are starving to death from malnutrition.

Please help them. They are unique pods of Orcas that are not found in this tight matriarchal group anywhere else in the world. We must do what we can to save them and increase their numbers.

Not doing so will be something we will regret. Let's please not let these pods go extinct.

Sincerely,

Jenna Flynn

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christina Mullee <christinamullee@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 6:38 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern resident orcas

Please allocate the proper amount of fish for the starving southern resident orcas.
We need to not let them go extinct, they are a very important part of the eco system.
Thank you for your time.

Christina Mullee

Sent from my iPad

From: Mercedes benz <mercy2uandu@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 3:06 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern resident orcas

To whom it may concern,
I just wanted to send a quick message asking that the Southern resident orcas be taken into consideration when you are reviewing allocations and management decisions.
Thankyou for your time,
Peta Little

From: Stefan Roberts <stefanr@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 12:03 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas

Dear North Of Falcon,
I hope you are well.

I understand that you are currently revisiting Northwests recreational and commercial salmon fisheries to make allocation arrangements.

Please, please, consider the impact this is having on Southern Resident Orcas. If there are no salmon left, they will simply just die out.

I am a resident of the UK, and I have visited Washington, stayed in Seattle and visited and spent time on the San Juan Islands. An area of natural beauty. I got to see these beautiful Orcas living in their natural environments, the way nature should be.

The number of salmon being caught for human consumption is too high, leaving little food for these Orcas. They need this, we don't.

I kindly ask that you please continue to consider this.

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,
Stefan Roberts

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From: C.McConnell <claudia27g@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 2:32 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas!

Please save our Southern Resident Orcas from extinction. This is the power you have and the legacy you will leave behind during your lifetime.

Sincerely,

Claudia McConnell
1909 North Lake Ave
Snohomish, Wa 98290

From: Iris deV <irisdevoogd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 9:46 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern resident Orcas and salmon quota allocation

Dear Sir, Madam,

With an eye to the survival and thriving of the Southern Resident orcas, I respectfully ask that they be 'given a seat at the table' and their needs be taken into consideration as you allocate salmon fishing quotas in the North of Falcon process.

Respectfully yours,
Iris de Voogd
Amsterdam
The Netherlands

From: Carla DeCrona <cdecrona@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:18 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas

To the state, federal and tribal fishery managers at the North of Falcon meetings,

I am writing to ask that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made during the 2019 North of Falcon meetings, and during annual conversations of the North of Falcon process.

Thank you,

Carla Decrona
11933 SW Cove Rd
Vashon, WA 98070

From: Colleen Moore <colleenmoorewa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 10:19 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas

Please give Southern Resident orcas "a seat at the table" and take them into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

Sincerely,
Colleen Moore

From: Jenna Thornber <jennapcd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 7:24 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas Deserve Fish Quota

Hello there,

I hope this message finds you well, I want to express that this is the year to finally include the Southern Resident Killer Whales in the dialogue of fish quotas so that they can survive and revive their population.

Please take the southern resident killer whales into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made during the North of Falcon Process.

Thank you,

Jenna Thornber

From: Donna <goldentd128@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:21 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas

I am writing on behalf of the Southern Resident orcas that desperately need more salmon in order to survive and avoid extinction. Please limit the catch allotments so they will find enough food to survive. Human greed is sad thing and it's hurting our planet and it's beautiful wildlife everywhere. The orcas are loved worldwide and they are the absolute symbol of the Pacific NW. It would be a serious travesty to allow them to go extinct. Each of the Southern Resident orcas has a name and is personally known and loved. The balance of the ocean is seriously out of whack when there is not enough salmon to feed a handful - a mere 75 - whales. Thank you for listening.

Donna George

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tisa A <tisa.agloro@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 2:22 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas

Hello,

I recently became aware of the North of Falcon process and really think that the Southern Resident orcas be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made. It is just too important of an issue right now while we potentially have a chance to fix. I have personally seen a lot of the impact that commercial, recreational, and tribal fishing has had on the salmon populations.

Thanks for your consideration,
~ Tisa Agloro

From: cormierbernadette <cormierbernadette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:31 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Resident Orcas

Simply and respectfully asking that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

Thank you,

Bernadette Cormier

From: Monika Wieland <monika.wieland@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 2:49 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Residents and North of Falcon

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to respectfully request that you consider the needs of the critically endangered Southern Resident killer whales when assigning fisheries allocations for the 2019 season and beyond. It is well known that the main issue facing these whales is lack of food, and one of the only things we can do that will have an immediate impact to benefit them is to leave more fish in the water and ensure they get a seat at the table when dividing up the fisheries management "pie". Fishermen and orcas have long co-existed, and it is my fervent wish that they will continue to do so for many generations to come.

Thanks for your consideration,

Monika Wieland Shields

President, Orca Behavior Institute

San Juan Island, Washington

From: jjohnstonrn@rockisland.com
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 12:56 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Southern Residents

Please give our orcas a seat at the table this year. Thank you!

From: seversoningrid@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 5:38 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKW

Please allow the Southern Resident orca to have a seat at the table .
Thank you
Ingrid Severson
Sent from my iPad

From: Cy Scammell <cyscammell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 12:45 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKW Allocation

North of Falcon,

Please allocate at least 500K chinook salmon for our SRKW for 2019. It's the only way they will be able to survive.

Cy Scammell
www.pnwprotectors.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: Teresa Brown <downtownteresa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 8:49 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKW

Hello,

- I'm writing to you today to ask that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made in regard to chinook salmon as their lives depend on it. Thank you for your time,
- Teresa Young
- 801-420-7980

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: S Tuck <susantuck01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 7:23 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKW

Good morning,

This letter is to ask and plead with you and your committee members to please learn and understand how much salmon each southern resident orca needs to thrive. We have driven this critically endangered species to a point of possible extinction. I have given up eating salmon as have my family. It means this much to me to give my portions to the southern resident killer whales. This is their lifeline. Please consider their needs and give them double seats at the table when considering allowed fishing amounts. I also would prefer if there was a guideline of no net fishing. Too much harm and bycatch is coming to marine life due to these nets. Short line and pole fishing is the desired form to catch fish as far as I am concerned. I pay the extra dollar or so a can for my tuna this way. The southern resident are a different type of killer whale. They are an icon. Let's help them stick around!!

Wholeheartedly,

Susan Tuck
Of Georgia, us

From: Anne Dalrymple <darkover@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 11:23 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKWs and salmon - North of Falcon process and allocation

Hello -

I was a volunteer at People for Puget Sound in the early 2000 in order to work to protect our orcas. We have even fewer now.

They are starving and we are seeing the end of our J, K and L pods unless dramatic rescue action is taken.

Please give our Southern Resident orcas a "seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made re salmon.

Thank you - Anne Dalrymple

Seattle WA 98115

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What is North of Falcon?

Each year state, federal and tribal fishery managers gather to plan the Northwest's recreational & commercial salmon fisheries. This series of meetings – involving representatives from federal, state and tribal governments & recreational & commercial fishing industries – is known as the North of Falcon process. This process is folded into the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, which oversees fishing in the Pacific Coast region.

The North of Falcon process integrates management of ocean fisheries between Cape Falcon (on the north Oregon coast) and the Canadian border, including fisheries in the Columbia River, Puget Sound, & inland Washington coastal waters. Columbia River fisheries are a significant component of the North of Falcon process.

In this public process, there are allocation agreements reached between Oregon and Washington ocean and freshwater commercial and sport fisheries, as well as mandated allocation agreements between the states and treaty Indian tribes.

Historically the orcas have not had a seat at the table during these talks or been given a harvest allocation. With the steady decline of the SRKW population due to diminishing prey abundance, fisheries managers have become aware of the need to include the SRKWs in the dialogue. The needs of the whales have been discussed on several occasions throughout the 2019 North of Falcon process, and it is vital to ensure this conversation continues.

◆ You can help by respectfully asking that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

From: Melissa Borden <inrpeas4meb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 6:07 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKWs given a seat at the table

Hello,

I am respectfully asking that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made.

Thank You,
Melissa Borden

From: Amy Eberling <anorman2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2019 10:00 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: SRKWs

To Whom it May Concern,

The SRKWs deserve a seat at the table. I hope that the decision in mid-April will reflect this.

Thank you for looking out for a very special ecotype that deserves every last chance and fish it can find.

Best,

Amy Eberling

Include in NOF public
comment

WA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TESTIMONY. Mar. 2, 2019. Steve Mathews.
sbmathews38@yahoo.com.

The present fishing mortality regime on chinook salmon is unsustainable. The effort at times is too much; the seasons are too long; the gear is too powerful; the by-catch mortality of little ones is too great. If fishing were closed for 10 years and then re-set, a more rational chinook salmon fishing regime might look like this:

NO YEAR ROUND FISHING- summers only on mature (end of life) chinook salmon.

NO CATCH AND RELEASE- for either sport or commercial; (chinook salmon are not trout in a stream).

Annual, individual sport catch quotas in numbers; enforced by electronic (I-phone) reporting.

Commercial quotas by gear type; 100% observer coverage; electronic, real-time monitoring.

NO MINIMUM-SIZE LIMITS- because throwbacks would be illegal.

NO SPAWNING GROUND FISHING- all stream spawning sections closed for the spawning season.

NO NATURAL BAITS- herring, shrimp, or salmon eggs; (dogfish, rockfish, sturgeon swallow these too).

NO TREBLE HOOKS- single barbless everywhere; (lures with three, barbed treble hooks are still legal).

NO FLASHERS, NO HOOTCHIES- only large plugs, spoons, jigs, spinners, etc.

NO UNLIMITED-DEPTH COMMERCIAL NETS- the redundant web in the water kills other marine life too.

NO NIGHTTIME GILLNETTING- chinooks come up at night; the other salmon can be caught all day long.

NO TOWING ON OPENED PURSE SEINES- target species can be caught without "trawling".

WHAT ELSE WOULD GO AWAY?

BY-CATCH- of small, immature chinook; that elephant in the room would tend to vanish.

WASTAGE- of small, dead but edible chinook salmon.

MASS MARKING- that expensive, suspect program needs evaluation by a blue ribbon science panel.

RECOVERY BOXES- that unnecessary plumbing is mostly for show.

CONTROVERSIAL "HOOKING MORTALITY" STUDIES- let's stop debating that problematic science.

SPECIAL RULES- like different sport landing rules for boats over and under 30 feet.

HATCHERY SURPLUSES- there would be none if carcasses above reproductive needs were distributed throughout each river for fertilization.

The current fishing regime is driven by **THE NEEDS OF THE FISHERMEN** not **THE NEEDS OF THE FISH**. The **alternative would self-correct fishing abuses, and also provide better fishing mortality data.**

From: [george.ging](#)
To: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Support for changing size limit of chinook salmon in Area 13 from 22" to 18" during July through September
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 11:40:32 AM

Fishing opportunities in Marine Area 13 are limited and there is an opportunity to allow some additional harvest of chinook jacks that are not needed for hatchery production. It makes sense to allow fishers to keep returning adult chinook jacks (18" to 22") that would otherwise return to the hatchery and be surplus, i.e., sold for dog food. My license fees in part go toward the production of hatchery fish, and recreational fishers should get the benefit of these fish, and not used for pet food.

Gwill Ging

From: Colleen Weiler <colleen.weiler@whales.org>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 1:28 PM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Puget Sound marine area salmon seasons
Attachments: WDC North of Falcon letter April 2019.pdf

Please accept the attached letter from Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC) for input into planning the marine area salmon seasons in 2019.

Thank you,
-Colleen

Colleen Weiler
WDC Fellow, Rekos Fellowship for Orca Conservation

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Director Kelly Susewind
Natural Resources Building
1111 Washington St. SE
Olympia, WA 98501
Submitted via email to: NorthofFalcon@dfw.wa.gov

April 12, 2019

Dear Director Susewind,

Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC) is the leading global charity dedicated to the protection of whales and dolphins worldwide. On behalf of WDC and our thousands of supporters in Washington State, as well as many more across the United States and internationally who are concerned with the survival of the critically endangered Southern Resident orca community, we respectfully submit these comments regarding salmon management decisions for 2019.

We urge the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to incorporate additional protection for Southern Resident orca foraging opportunities into their decisions for the upcoming salmon season, and to explore ways in which management measures can protect both Southern Resident orcas and critical salmon stocks.

According to WDFW's pre-season forecasts, specific Chinook salmon runs returning to the Stillaguamish and Nooksack rivers, Hood Canal, and Lake Washington are the most critical stocks for 2019, and will be limiting factors for harvest and fishing activities in areas where these stocks have high rates of incidental catch. We encourage WDFW to combine management measures that protect these stocks with approaches that also maximize foraging opportunities for the Southern Resident orcas.

For example, Stillaguamish summer/fall Chinook have high catch rates in Marine Areas 5 and 7 in July through September, a time that Southern Resident orcas are likely to be around the San Juan Islands (Marine Area 7) and in and out of the Strait of Juan de Fuca (includes Marine Area 5). Closing or limiting fishing for Chinook salmon in these areas during this time period can protect returning Stillaguamish Chinook and leave more salmon available for Southern Resident orcas in their core summer habitat.

All the options considered by WDFW in its North of Falcon planning process, prior to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) meeting which is currently underway, failed to meet the Exploitation Rate (ER) ceiling established for Stillaguamish summer/fall Chinook, and additional actions will be necessary to protect this vulnerable stock. We urge WDFW to incorporate the potential presence of Southern Resident orcas into those management decisions to maximize the protection of both orcas and salmon.

Stillaguamish summer/fall Chinook are included in the Northern Puget Sound fall Chinook group of the National Marine Fisheries Service/WDFW Southern Resident orca priority Chinook stock list, and is in fact given the top rating, reflecting the importance of these salmon runs to the orcas. Other salmon stocks of special concern for 2019 are also in the top ten for orca priority stocks, including Southern Puget Sound (Hood Canal) and Northern Puget Sound spring Chinook (Nooksack).

Nooksack spring Chinook have high catch rates in Marine Area 7 in October-April. The Southern Residents historically start to return to this area in April, and J pod has already been seen around the San Juan Islands this spring. Management measures in Marine Area 7 during this early spring period could protect both at-risk Nooksack spring Chinook and maximize Southern Resident orca foraging opportunities as the orcas come back into the Salish Sea from their winter foraging grounds.

We recognize that salmon have declined throughout the Pacific Northwest due to a number of reasons, and we support efforts to rebuild depleted populations through habitat protection and restoration, reconnecting watersheds, and reducing contaminants. However, all of these actions take time to result in benefits to salmon and orcas. The most immediate action the agency can take to increase currently available prey for Southern Resident orcas is implementing fishery management measures that give the orcas the best chance to forage on available salmon throughout their range. Combining these actions with measures that protect critical salmon stocks



will maintain fishing opportunities while also allowing critical salmon runs a chance to rebuild and reducing direct competition with orcas in historic foraging areas – measures can serve a dual purpose of protecting both salmon and the Southern Residents.

Salmon returning to the Fraser River in British Columbia and to rivers throughout Puget Sound comprise the majority of the Southern Residents' diet when they are present in the Salish Sea region of their range – typically spring through fall or early winter. Many of these salmon runs are also declining or at-risk, and are in need of additional precautionary measures to ensure their survival in marine area harvest activities.

WDFW has an opportunity to protect both orcas and salmon with targeted, area-based management that reduces catch rates for critical wild salmon stocks and gives Southern Resident orcas an opportunity to find available salmon in historic foraging areas. We urge WDFW to take advantage of this opportunity and enact combined management measures in 2019 for the protection of both of these iconic species.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the North of Falcon process, and please do not hesitate to reach out with additional questions.

Regards,



Colleen Weiler
Jessica Rekos Fellow
Whale and Dolphin Conservation

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DOLPHIN
CONSERVATION



From: Lora Frost <frost.lora@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 4:38 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW)
Subject: Whales and fishing

Hello,

As you may be aware, the southern pod of Orcas are declining. One of the reasons is not being able to get enough salmon.

I am writing today to request that the food needs of the orcas be considered when you make the decision on fishing allocation and management.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lora Frost

From: [David Moskowitz](#)
To: [Tucker Jones](#); [Tweit, William M \(DFW\)](#); [Lothrop, Ryan L \(DFW\)](#); [Sippel, Timothy J \(DFW\)](#); [John North](#); [Geoffrey Whisler](#); [Lefleur, Cindy \(DFW\)](#); [Warren, Ron R \(DFW\)](#); [Chris Kern](#)
Subject: Comments on the 2019 Summer - Fall Fishery Recommendations
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:10:45 AM
Attachments: [CRC-NOF Summer-Fall Fishery Comments 2019 - TCA.pdf](#)

The Conservation Angler believes that 2019 Columbia River Fisheries need more stringent measures to protect low numbers of wild salmon and wild steelhead.

Our rationale is contained in the attached Memo.

Sincerely,

David Moskowitz

David A. Moskowitz
Executive Director
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Conservation means fair and honest dealings with the future, usually at some cost to the immediate present. It is simply morality, with little to offset the glamour and quick material rewards of the North American deity, "Progress".
Roderick Haig-Brown



Memorandum

To: Columbia River Compact States
Fr: The Conservation Angler
Dt: May 15, 2019
Re: 2019 Summer and Fall Fishery Conservation Measures

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide comments and recommendations for wild fish conservation measures for consideration in fishery regulation and implementation actions planned or taken during 2019.

I. Concerns with the Columbia River Compact and North of Falcon Methodologies

The Conservation Angler believes that the data underlying the forecasting of salmon and steelhead returns to the Columbia River suffers from multiple flawed assumptions, unacceptable margin of error ranges, excessive application of professional judgement and statistically invalid observation and creel census effort used to implement modeling runs and to estimate harvest impacts and exploitation rates.

II. Specific Concerns During Authorized Fisheries

1. There are no reports of interceptions of non-target species from the Select Area fisheries.
2. There is no consistent application of a statistically valid monitoring program for select area commercial fisheries, sport fisheries or mainstem drift net commercial fisheries which is essential to establish accurate and reliable mortality and encounter rate data.
3. Methods of estimating natural-origin spawning escapement are not consistently applied in rivers without counting stations.
4. There is no clear method of accounting for illegal harvest or catch and release mortality for the shore and boat sport fishery in the data that comprises the fishery summaries year-to-year.
5. Ocean and in-river harvest rates are too high on most salmon species to allow natural-origin escapement to result in the nutrient loading necessary to provide forage for emerging and rearing juvenile salmon. Any harvest rate over 20% fails to contribute the necessary nutrients for subsequent generational survival within natal rivers.¹

III. Compact and North of Falcon Process Issues

The public process for the Columbia River Compact continues to suffer from late notice of public hearings and even later delivery of factual data on the issues being discussed and decided.

There continues to be a lack of transparency with the data being used by agencies to make forecasts and conduct updates on the progress of salmon and steelhead runs to the Columbia and tributaries.

Because the US v. Oregon court case is over, TAC proceedings, data and models must become publicly available.

IV. Ocean, Marine and In-River Harvest Regimes:

The region has institutionalized the Causes for Recovering and Restoring Columbia and Snake River Wild Salmon and Steelhead.

1. The Ocean and Lower Columbia River are non-selective, mix-stock fisheries that are preventing recovery of ESA-listed spring and fall chinook.

¹ Knudsen, E. Eric, Eric W. Symmes and F. Joseph Margraf. 2003. Searching for a life history Approach to Salmon Escapement Management. In: Nutrients in Salmonid Ecosystems: Sustaining Production and Biodiversity. Editor, John Stockner. American Fisheries Society Symposium 34.



2. Monitoring for wild populations of ESA-listed and other wild unlisted salmon (mid-Columbia Spring, Summer and Fall Chinook as well as Upper Columbia sockeye salmon) is currently accomplished by management of aggregate populations that are counted as they cross dams.
3. Fishery Managers account for harvest with creel surveys and account for wild fish escapement with dam passage counts, not spawning ground surveys.
4. While there may be spawning escapement goals or targets – also based on aggregate salmon and steelhead passage for both wild and hatchery fish of a particular species – there are no River Specific Management (RSM) criteria for spawning populations of natural-origin species. Furthermore, there are no egg-deposition criteria by river and species.
5. Columbia River and ocean harvest rates above 20% do not account for the importance of the spawned carcasses that are essential for the ensuing generation of juvenile salmon and steelhead emerging from natal river gravels.²

V. Concerns About 2019 Lower Columbia River Spring and Summer Chinook

While the closure of spring chinook sport fishing in the lower Columbia River was the right thing to do, it is shocking to learn that wild spring chinook numbers in the Cowlitz and Lewis have dropped to under triple digits. How and why did this happen?

Not enough is known about status of wild populations, particularly below Bonneville Dam. Where is data on spring chinook wild escapement by natal river? How low did the wild spring chinook runs on Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers get before Federal and State managers had to take such drastic with little if any warning?

Hatchery brood escapement and sport fishing creel surveys are no surrogate to wild escapement, abundance or productivity estimates that should be established and maintained based on spawning counts or carcass surveys.

The Joint Staff Reports on 2019 forecast numbers for Upriver Columbia Spring Chinook do not contain data from the Deschutes or John Day. While these runs are part of the Mid-Columbia Chinook ESU, the failure to maintain or publish the run data is dooming these rivers (particularly the Deschutes) to the same fate as the Cowlitz or Lewis Rivers.

As is clear from recent joint staff notices, the only management concern expressed is whether hatcheries will make their egg take requirements. There is no reporting on whether rivers will make their egg deposition requirements. Why? Because there are not egg deposition or spawner escapement requirements for rivers. Thus, it is little wonder why the wild salmon and steelhead runs are slipping into extinction. The fishery agencies do not have love for wild salmon.

VI. Concerns about Spring – Summer chinook data

What is the formula to determine the conversion of springers entering Columbia River mouth and then making the run update based on Bonneville passage? How do the states calculate for predation, harvest, tributary turn-off, illegal harvest and wild escapement?

The management dates delineating spring chinook and summer chinook are arbitrary for the spring and summer chinook. Furthermore, this date is based on passage at Bonneville Dam, and does not account for the on-going entry of summer chinook into the lower Columbia and their rate of harvest in Select Areas and shore-based sport fisheries.

² Knudsen, E. Eric, Eric W. Symmes, and F. Joseph Margraf. 2003. Searching for a life history approach to salmon escapement management. Pages 261-276 in J. G. Stockner, editor. Nutrients in salmonid ecosystems: sustaining production and biodiversity. American Fisheries Society, Symposium 34, Bethesda, Maryland.



Another major management problem for managing wild summer chinook to the Snake and Upper Columbia is that the mark rate is insufficient and leads to problems estimating wild abundance and harvest rate.

Is any sampling at AFF able to refine the ability to determine Spring chinook from Summer chinook? What tools do the state's use in determining the impacts of SAFE encounters and harvest, as well as the sport and tribal impacts in terms of wild Summer Chinook escapement? What is the confidence interval on estimating wild summer chinook spawning escapement abundance on Upper Columbia and tributaries?

VII. Concerns About Summer Steelhead and Fall Chinook

The forecasts for Columbia River summer steelhead and fall chinook are both quite low – with 950 wild B-run steelhead predicted to return – which is 14% lower than the 2017 pre-season forecast of 1,100 wild B-runs.

What will be done with LCR fisheries (SAFE, non-treaty mainstem commercial, sport fisheries and below-Bonneville tribal fisheries to:

- a. Minimize impacts on ESA-listed winter and early summer wild steelhead?
- b. Minimize impacts on ESA listed wild UCR and MCR summer steelhead
- c. Eliminate impacts on ESA-listed wild SR B-run summer steelhead

VIII. Wild Fish Sanctuaries and Required Specific Angling Practices Can Reduce Lethal Encounters

Low wild returns and warm Columbia River water require immediate conservation action.

All cool water refugia, no matter the size or volume of water, will attract migrating wild salmon and steelhead if the Columbia River is warmer. It is a natural life-history trait of salmon, trout and steelhead. Perhaps the most important cold-water refugia is at the Deschutes-Columbia confluence, where the Deschutes will start cooling down in August, just as Columbia heats up and as the up-river salmon and steelhead migration peaks. The mouth of the Deschutes will be an incredibly important sanctuary for wild steelhead and salmon when the Columbia River is warmer. Oregon should invoke an no fishing sanctuary very similar to what was established in 2018.

All cold water refugia (CWR) will be very important to the health and productivity of ESA-listed wild salmon and particularly, wild steelhead which are known to remain in the cool-water plumes for weeks and months.

Fishing, even catch and release fishing, has an inordinate impact on wild steelhead in these locations because they are caught and released multiple times.

Fishing in sanctuary areas during warm water episodes when wild fish run sizes are low should not be permitted.

We should learn how the 2018-2019 Deschutes River Wild Steelhead return turned out by end of June. The recent wild runs have been low and present a strong case for conservation measures aimed at reducing lethal encounters. Considering the amount of angling that takes place, it is not inconceivable that Deschutes River steelheaders could encounter every single wild fish – and some- more than once.

All of us have a responsibility to minimize our impacts on these wild fish:

1. Use barbless hooks which should be mandatory in any fishery where certain species must be released
2. Use appropriate gear to allow safe and efficient landing of your steelhead
3. Keep your fish in the water when landing and unhooking it.
4. Use care when handling, photographing and releasing your catch
5. Anglers should have to rack their rods once they have taken their daily bag limit.
6. Refrain from angling when the Deschutes is over 66f.
7. Handle juvenile trout carefully when trout fishing (they may be steelhead smolts).



Comments in Response to Oregon and Washington Fishing Regulations in the Columbia River

The Conservation Angler appreciates the efforts that joint state staff have given to provide angling opportunity during the dismal forecasts of the coming 2019 Summer and Fall Fisheries in the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

However, given the poor run-sizes, the opportunity to fish and retain hatchery fish, particularly in the early steelhead fishing season, rides on the backs of wild steelhead.

Problems with the Early Summer Fishery: June 16 thru July 31

For the early-summer season (June 16 thru July 31) from the Astoria Bridge to just downstream of the Snake River confluence, the only fish that can be retained by anglers in the mainstem Columbia are hatchery-origin steelhead, and the daily angler bag-limit is two hatchery steelhead through June 30, and one hatchery steelhead during July. Wild steelhead and all chinook and sockeye salmon must be released unharmed.

1. The Columbia River summer steelhead run has more wild fish in the early part of the run than it does after August 1.

Bonneville Dam Passage Data: June 1 thru July 31

2018: 14,265 wild steelhead pass BON during this period
31,220 total steelhead pass BON during this period
Wild Steelhead comprise 46% of the steelhead present

2017: 10,261 wild steelhead pass BON during this period
19,559 total steelhead pass BON during this period
Wild Steelhead comprise 53% of the steelhead present

2016: 22,026 wild steelhead pass BON during this period
56,868 total steelhead pass BON during this period
Wild Steelhead comprise 40% of the steelhead present

Therefore, the focus on steelhead angling and retention of two hatchery fish will place undue burden on the early portion of the 2019 summer steelhead. Anglers will sort through many wild fish to catch their two-hatchery fish bag limit. The high percentage of wild steelhead in the early run puts those fish at risk of high encounter rates.

2. To make matters worse, anglers in a boat may continue fishing even if they have taken their limit as long as at least one angler in the party has not taken their limit. The “party-boat” rule encourages high encounter rates of wild fish. Anglers who take their limit should be required to rack their rods.
3. Anglers may use bait to fish for salmon and steelhead which can increase hooking injuries compared to lures.
4. A retention closure is not a closure to fishing, but a prohibition to retaining fish that are landed.

Problems with the Summer – Fall Fishery: August 1 thru December 31

The 2019 Forecast predicts a very small run of upriver summer steelhead.

Upriver Summer Steelhead: July 1 – Oct 31: 2019 Forecast is 38% of the 10-Year Average

These steelhead are bound for the Klickitat, Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla, and other rivers in the Upper Columbia and Snake Basins such as the Grand Ronde, Clearwater, Salmon and Imnaha.

2019 Forecast for Upriver Summer Steelhead:	118,200 total A and B-run adults
TYA of Upriver A & B-run summer steelhead:	315,202 A & B-run steelhead



2019 Upriver Summer Steelhead Predicted to Pass Bonneville Dam

2019 Upriver Summer Steelhead	2018 Forecast	2018 Return	2019 Forecast	Run Timing
Total Upriver Steelhead	190,350	100,483	126,950	to BON Dam
Early summer-run (H+W)	7,950	6,483	8,750	April - June
<i>(early summer wild)</i>	3,000	2,595	3,200	
A-Run (total H + W)	158,000	69,338	110,200	July - Oct
<i>(A-run wild)</i>	44,800	21,725	33,900	
B-Run (Total H + W)	24,400	24,662	8,000	July -Oct
<i>(B-run wild)</i>	3,400	2,382	950	July-June
Total Wild Steelhead Past BON	51,200	26,699	38,050	April - Oct

1. Anglers in a boat may continue fishing even if they have taken their limit as long as at least one angler in the party has not taken their limit. The “party-boat” rule encourages high encounter rates of wild fish. Therefore, anglers who take their limit should be required to rack their rods.
2. Anglers use bait to fish for salmon and steelhead which can increase hooking injuries compared to lures.
3. A retention closure is not a closure to fishing, but a prohibition to retaining fish that are landed.
4. Jack salmon (a smaller, younger but sexually mature salmon of either chinook or Coho species) limits are 5 fish per angler per day. These limits should be reduced because of the important role they play in spawning success.
5. The “Retention Closure” for steelhead (requiring release of all wild and hatchery steelhead between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam should be extended to at least mid-October due to the presence of wild B-run steelhead in that region.
6. The “Retention Closure” for steelhead (requiring release of all wild and hatchery steelhead between The John Day Dam and McNary Dam should be extended to at least mid-November due to the presence of wild B-run steelhead in that region.

Cold Water Sanctuaries Are Critical for Wild and Hatchery Fish migrating up the Columbia River

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified dozens of cold water refugia along the Columbia. We know that 13 of these areas are extremely important to migrating salmon and steelhead.

When the Columbia River water temperatures reach 66f, the importance of these areas increases, and when the mainstem water temperatures reach 68f, they become life-saving river reaches for salmon and steelhead. At 68.5f, they become refuges for salmon and steelhead in which fish linger for weeks and months.

Commercial fishing is already prohibited in river-mouth sanctuaries.

It is time for Oregon and Washington to create sanctuaries for migrating salmon and steelhead in these 13 CWR by prohibiting all angling in specific geographic areas created by the cold-water inputs for a specific period. The time period could be tailored by historic temperature data but could also be established based on blocks determined strictly by dates of known salmon and steelhead use – but at least three months (July thru September).

From: [Net zero](#)
To: [Lothrop, Ryan L \(DFW\)](#); [Tweit, William M \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: NOF
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:50:46 AM

Ryan, Bill, I will be unable to attend the meeting on Mar 18 as I will be out of the State. I will try to find a substitute, but not sure if that will happen. I would like to provide a little input.

For summer chinook, it appears that due to the low run size that opportunity below Bonneville will be very limited or non existent. Due to continued under escapement to the spawning beds and the presence of too many hatchery fish on the spawning beds, we recommend that all fisheries above and below Bonneville be mark selective. The Group will probably discuss bag limits, and we recommend the limit that will provide maximum opportunity while still achieving the harvest quota.

For fall chinook, we prefer options that allow opportunity throughout the Columbia River.

With the large coho forecast, there will be lots of discussion regarding Buoy 10, the ocean, and the river. We do not have input for this item.

For summer steelhead, we recommend aggressively pursuing options that maximize opportunity in June, July, August and September since other fishing opportunities will be severely limited. Both B-Runs and summer chinook catch will be concerns. If a one fish limit extends opportunity, it should be considered as well as a schedule that reduces effort(days per week).

Have a great meeting, and the subject looks challenging.

Regards, Harry Barber

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rob Larsen](#)
To: [Livingood-Schott, Tara L \(DFW\)](#); [Losee, James P \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: Minter fishery
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 10:30:11 PM

Tara,

I appreciate both you and James taking the time to listen to our recommendations and am pleased that you are making the effort to try and increase sportsman opportunity at Minter Creek.

If a concern over egg take requires an in season update to the fishery that is certainly understandable. and critical. As far as the garbage SOF PSA would again be willing to organize a clean up and encourage fisherman to pack out what they bring in. With regards to the porta potties we are a small club and I would need to know what the cost of the additional month before agreeing to fund them. I will discuss this funding with our board if you can provide the cost for an additional month. That said last year we had encouraged the use of funds from the porta potties on the Skokomish river where they have not been used since that fishery has been discontinued. I believe we could get the Gig Harbor chapter of PSA to do organize a clean up as well. When I discussed it with their past President he had indicated that they would . I believe we can make this increased opportunity work and want to help where we can thanks for your help on this effort.

Rob Larsen
SOF PSA President
253-230-2839

From: [lars.sorensen](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Area 7 Summer Fishing
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 3:47:06 PM

Hello Mark,
I know management of these issues are very challenging.

I heard that there was some conversation about no fishing in Area 7 this Summer.

All interested parties need to work together. Sports fisherman, commercial and tribal. The burden cannot just be on one group.

Last year just days after the Summer season closed for Coho, I saw 20+ purse seine boats just off Open Bay and the end of Henry Island. I'm not sure how this makes sense.

It's unfortunate that sports fisherman get hit the hardest. We are allowed one fish most of the time and have a very restricted season.

I hope you understand and will consider how important fishing is for those who live in the San Juan Islands. I believe that any shut down will only lead to poaching and more illegal activities and prevent the true honest fishermen from being on the water to assist in observation and keeping others honest. We are your eyes on the water when the season is on.

Thank you,
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From: [Marc Krueger](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 8:02:38 AM

Mark,

This does not explain why your closing area 7 and not other areas. This is not the only area that you will find those particular runs.

I am retired now, but I owned and operated a salmon charter business in Anacortes for 22 years. Every year there is a cut back it happens in area 7.

I believe it's because we are a smaller user group and you want to appease the larger group of fishermen. Less bitching.

This is wrong!!!

If your going take August, give us June. That would protect the runs you mentioned.

I'm sure that won't happen. One thing about our WDFW, once they take some away, we usually never get it back.

Thanks

Marc Krueger
360 770 6563

On Wed, Apr 17, 2019, 4:22 PM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Marc,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding salmon fishing in Area 7. The 2019-20 sport fishing package was a result of the need to meet management and conservation objectives for several Puget Sound Chinook stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act including Stillaguamish, Nooksack Springs, and the Mid-Hood Canal aggregate. Unfortunately, wild salmon stocks continue to decline not only in Puget Sound, but all through the Salish sea. Canada also recently announced delayed openings and closures to their Chinook seasons as well to address conservation of these stocks.

<https://islandfishermanmagazine.com/dfw-announces-chinook-fishery-shutdown/>

WDFW does not take closing fisheries lightly. We recognize and regret the impacts that these fishery closures will have on fishers and the communities that support fishing opportunities. My contact information is below should you have further questions.

Mark Baltzell

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From: Marc Krueger <fistale5@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 7:02 AM

To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject:

Keep area 7 open in August. Why are we the only area with new restrictions.

I wouldn't mind annual limits but let us fish.

Marc Krueger

Long time Anacortes fisherman

From: [Dunlop, Michelle K \(DFW\)](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#); [Adicks, Kyle K \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: caller
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 2:52:48 PM

I don't know if you're routing questions from the public to the customer service staff or if one of you are returning calls.

Jerry, from Stanwood, would like to know why we're closed in January in MA7. He says there are no whales around at that time ☹ and no fish are migrating to the rivers to spawn. And he wants to know if it's open in December.

360-629-3548

From: [FISHPGM \(DFW\)](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#); [Dufault, Aaron M \(DFW\)](#)
Cc: [Hughes, Kirt M \(DFW\)](#); [Adicks, Kyle K \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: FW: Area 7 August closure
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 10:14:36 AM

FYI...

Jeff

From: Director (DFW) <director@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:36 AM
To: FISHPGM (DFW) <FISHPGM@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: FW: Area 7 August closure

FYI

From: Jeff Gipson <gigrizz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 3:01 PM
To: Director (DFW) <director@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: Area 7 August closure

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Dear sir,

Due to the history of Washington's salmon decline we can finally agree that something needs to be done to preserve and expand this resource. From the beginning everyone involved came up with every excuse imaginable to support fish stocks decline. Thanks to a federal judge, his sole decision caused the deaths of our wild stocks. The order was made as a payment for a century old treaty. The way I see it is this: If there is to be compensation, then it should be done as a nation. In other words not just have all the sportsman pay, anyone who lives here must share the burden. The Bolte Decision is a complete failure. No recovery will happen unless there's a new plan of compensation. The main reason I wrote to you is to let you know that out of all the marine areas, area 7 is the least populated fishery compared to the rest. They don't target local stocks. Most of the fish in August are unclipped. Canada has a non-retention fishery before August, Then it becomes a one fish limit until September in which goes to 2 fish. I feel we should have at least non-retention fishery in August.

Thank You,
Graydon

Gipson

From: [NorthofFalcon \(DFW\)](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: FW: SRKWs and salmon - North of Falcon process and allocation
Date: Friday, April 12, 2019 9:11:26 AM

Sister?

From: Anne Dalrymple <darkover@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 11:23 AM
To: NorthofFalcon (DFW) <NorthofFalcon@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: SRKWs and salmon - North of Falcon process and allocation

Hello -

I was a volunteer at People for Puget Sound in the early 2000 in order to work to protect our orcas. We have even fewer now.

They are starving and we are seeing the end of our J, K and L pods unless dramatic rescue action is taken.

Please give our Southern Resident orcas a "seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made re salmon.

Thank you - Anne Dalrymple
Seattle WA 98115

What is North of Falcon? ☐

Each year state, federal and tribal fishery managers gather to plan the Northwest's recreational & commercial salmon fisheries. This series of meetings – involving representatives from federal, state and tribal governments & recreational & commercial fishing industries – is known as the North of Falcon process. This process is folded into the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, which oversees fishing in the Pacific Coast region.☐

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The North of Falcon process integrates management of ocean fisheries between Cape Falcon (on the north Oregon coast) and the Canadian border, including fisheries in the Columbia River, Puget Sound, & inland Washington coastal waters. Columbia River fisheries are a significant component of the North of Falcon process.☐

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In this public process, there are allocation agreements reached between Oregon and Washington ocean and freshwater commercial and sport fisheries, as well as mandated allocation agreements between the states and treaty Indian tribes.☐

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Historically the orcas have not had a seat at the table during these talks or been given a harvest allocation. With the steady decline of the SRKW population due to diminishing prey abundance, fisheries managers have become aware of the need to include the SRKWs in the dialogue. The needs of the whales have been discussed on

several occasions throughout the 2019 North of Falcon process, and it is vital to ensure this conversation continues. □

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You can help by respectfully asking that the Southern Resident orcas be "given a seat at the table" and be taken into consideration when allocations and management decisions are made. □

From: [Bryan Finney](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Cc: [Dufault, Aaron M \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: question about pink salmon returns?
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019 9:22:29 AM

Mark,

Thank you for your work estimating the salmon returns this year. Do you have any insight into whether the strong pink returns we have seen over the previous few odd-year cycles will return? I understand the drop off in '19 is primarily due to outlier environmental conditions in '17. If environmental conditions stabilize do you see the pink fishery returning in the 1m+ range in future years? That has been one of our favorite fisheries in the State.

Thank you,

Bryan Finney

Bryan Finney
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From: [Chad Huffman](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: 8-1 and 8-2
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 1:47:16 PM

I understand protecting the resources but according to multiple fish checkers at various ramps they have had very few people with wild fish encounters compared to other areas. And the protecting of snohomish run doesn't make a lot of sense seeing how you have a scheduled fishery in the snohomish! I understand protecting fish but this is ass backwards why not just close south of hat island seeing how you're also having a fishery in the stillly what run are you protecting? Seems like north sound took it in the shorts we have the most limited fisheries to begin with. And to wipe out half of our blackmouth season when we came up short on our quota this year with a 2 fish limit part of the season. In trying to make sense of your guys' Decisions but opening an area like mukilteo south doesn't do anything to protect snohomish fish I get the hatch only but why not open all of 8-2 not just the portion that will effect the snohomish the most

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 23, 2019, at 12:59 PM, Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

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> Hi Chad,

> Apologies for not getting back to you sooner, I was busy working on next year's fishing package. WDFW chose to close 81 and 82 early because we exceeded the amount of wild Chinook impacts that had been predicted for the season. As I'm sure you are aware, Chinook salmon are listed under the Endangered Species Act and require strict protections and limits on how many wild fish can be impacted in any given year. You are correct, we do not have the available resources to conduct test fisheries in every marine area that has a mark-selective fishery, so we ask that anglers like yourself fill out VTR reports so that we can better evaluate what is happening in the fishery. For the entire winter fishery only 18 VTR's had been turned in. Since we can only evaluate the fishery with the data we have, we chose to be more conservative in our management and close.

> Area 8-1 will be open for Coho from Aug 1- Oct 31 and Area 8-2 will be open from Aug 16-Sep 15 under mark-selective coho regulations and only in the area of 8-2 south west of the Clinton-Mukilteo ferry line. The 8-2 summer season was put in place to help protect wild Snohomish coho.

> Hope this information is helpful.

> Mark

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> Mark Baltzell

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Chad Huffman <huffmanchad58@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:23 AM

> To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

> Subject: 8-1 and 8-2

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> Apparently you do not return phone calls! I was contacting you in regards of 8-1,8-2 your reasoning for shutting down this fishery early makes no sense you claim it's wild encounters but we both know that's bs. Did you trade out last month for a fishery on the skagit? Us north sound fisherman are really getting tired of this bogus inseason management when you don't even have a test fisheries. I want to see these so called VTR reports that showed many

wilds being caught and correct me if I'm wrong but they are also anonymous so any anti fishing or tribal person could shut our season down by falsely reporting! I logged 35 days in 8-1 and 8-2 caught very few sublegals fish less than 10 in all trips combined and 3 wild fish encountered so it really makes no sense I talk to pretty much everyone that fishes Camano and no one has seen anything to justify your guys decision to close. In just over a years time you guys have lost over 3 months of fishing in northern puget sound are coho opportunities have dwindled makes me wonder where it ends i know many guys not even wanting to purchase license saying what's the point the min they do you will shut it down! Also regarding 8-2 I read the coho regs as only being open from ferries south am I reading this wrong?

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [alex sluyter](mailto:alex.sluyter)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](mailto:Mark.E.DFW@dfw.wa.gov)
Subject: Re: Area 7 restrictions
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:15:44 PM

Mark, closing sport fishing only targets less than 10% of fish pressure, we use a single rod/ reel and barbless hooks. If the fish and game takes salmon fishing closers seriously,
-it doesn't make sense to ignore commercial and Native American over consumption!
-why segregate the sport fishermen that pay abundantly for their salmon?
-Do to mis management. The orcas are being fed king salmon in result they refuse to eat seals...
Orcas and seals now eat king salmon.
-blackmouth (king salmon) have been adequate in the winter, (area 7) local fishery.
- you still charge inflating costs every year yet offer less and less.
And demand sport fishermen cooperation...

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 17, 2019, at 1:41 PM, Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

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> Alex,

> Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding salmon fishing in Area 7. The 2019-20 sport fishing package was a result of the need to meet management and conservation objectives for several Puget Sound Chinook stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act including Stillaguamish, Nooksack Springs, and the Mid-Hood Canal aggregate. Unfortunately, wild salmon stocks continue to decline not only in Puget Sound, but all through the Salish sea. Canada also recently announced delayed openings and closures to their Chinook seasons as well to address conservation of these stocks.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: alex sluyter <sluyteralex@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:09 AM

> To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

> Subject: Area 7 restrictions

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> My name is Alex Sluyter, I buy fishing licenses for my family of 5 every year!

> Restrictions on area 7 are negligent and careless!

> Target netting the river or the ocean netting and your salmon return will improve!!

> Native Americans make huge profits off our government funded salmon! And they net 100% of the river.

- > Our salmon migrate into public waters and get depleted by commercial nets with 100% kill rate.
- > I am taxed on my boat, my trailer, tackle sales, and liscensing! My fisherman friends have given up on the misappropriation of fishing funds in WA and I am giving up on you as well if you shorten another season! You can't just take our money and run!
- > Alex Sluyter 360-202-8130
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- >
- > Sent from my iPhone

From: [Warren, Ron R \(DFW\)](#)
To: [Lance Yerkes; Director \(DFW\); Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: RE: July 25th
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 1:59:18 PM

Mr. Yerkes, Thank you for your written comments. Offering predictability to our public is a high priority. Unfortunately, this year's low abundance of numerous Chinook populations caused us to align start dates to avoid effort shifts between marine areas. Although this year's situation is regrettable, hopefully next year's forecasted returns will be at an abundance that allows for the predictability we strive to achieve.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with us and I hope you stay involved into the future.

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From: Lance Yerkes <LanceY@Ocularinc.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 10:34 AM
To: Director (DFW) <director@dfw.wa.gov>; Warren, Ron R (DFW) <Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov>; Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: July 25th

Good morning Gentlemen,

My name is Lance Yerkes and I wanted to take a minute to comment on the salmon season setting. I took the opportunity to listen to each of the 4 conference calls that concluded today. I didn't feel it was my place to speak at all because I was just trying to learn and would have felt out of place saying anything. My basic frustration is that it is becoming nearly impossible to make plans for a specific fishery. My family makes a trip every year to Fort Flagler State Park to camp and fish the Port Townsend area. If any of you have stayed at this park you will know how difficult it is to get a summer reservation. You have to book exactly 9 months prior to your date of arrival or you won't get in. So this year I am booked from July 16th to the 25th. I know I don't need to tell you guys why I choose July 16th each year. Obviously learning that it won't open until the 25th wasn't good news. I know that the quota would have been significantly reduced if it opened on the 16th so I understand why you didn't do that but now I have no idea what to expect in the future. I share this because I know it isn't just me, there are many others at this park and other parks that will have the same issue. Not to mention all of the folks that make moorage reservations at marinas. So now I will most likely cancel my reservation and hope to find a spot somewhere else so we can still fish. My reservation cost me \$508. The cost to cancel will be \$258 because I have had the reservation for over 6 months. You are always looking for ways to increase revenue; you should talk to the state

parks because they have it figured out! I know you guys work extremely hard and I would not want to be in your position but anything you can do to get consistent start dates would really help. Thanks for taking the time to listen.

Best Regards,
Lance

From: [Highliner Charters](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: NOF Lynwood
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 4:00:41 PM

Thanks,

You know well the drum I've been beating for a year now, that being cuts made to meet objectives for Stilly and MHC be counted toward the SRKW available harvest objectives. I just ask that this is kept as part of the conversation.

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On Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at 7:13 AM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Brett,

Sorry you won't make it. To say things are challenging would be an understatement. We have big conservation objectives to try and get at this year and it is not just Stilly. Mid-HC is also rearing its ugly head again this year and I'm not sure anything we do for Stilly is going to solve both. What exacerbates the issues is that we still do not have co-manager agreement on modeling and how we will split the conservation burden. There have been some proposals, but nothing concrete as of yet. I'm hopeful that will change tomorrow and we can have some new results to share with folks on Wed. I will make sure to keep you in the loop on thoughts and ideas moving forward. Travel safe.

Mark

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From: Highliner Charters <highliner.charters@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:46 AM

To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject: NOF Lynwood

Mark, I land in Seattle at 3 pm on Wednesday so I won't be at the meeting. Mark R. and a few others with interest in area 7 should be there. Any heads-up you can give me on direction would be appreciated. This way I can pass my inputs to those who will be in the room the day of.

Thanks, I know time is something you have little of this week.

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From: [Marc Krueger](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re:
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 8:02:38 AM

Mark,

This does not explain why your closing area 7 and not other areas. This is not the only area that you will find those particular runs.

I am retired now, but I owned and operated a salmon charter business in Anacortes for 22 years. Every year there is a cut back it happens in area 7.

I believe it's because we are a smaller user group and you want to appease the larger group of fishermen. Less bitching.

This is wrong!!!

If your going take August, give us June. That would protect the runs you mentioned.

I'm sure that won't happen. One thing about our WDFW, once they take some away, we usually never get it back.

Thanks

Marc Krueger
360 770 6563

On Wed, Apr 17, 2019, 4:22 PM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Marc,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding salmon fishing in Area 7. The 2019-20 sport fishing package was a result of the need to meet management and conservation objectives for several Puget Sound Chinook stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act including Stillaguamish, Nooksack Springs, and the Mid-Hood Canal aggregate. Unfortunately, wild salmon stocks continue to decline not only in Puget Sound, but all through the Salish sea. Canada also recently announced delayed openings and closures to their Chinook seasons as well to address conservation of these stocks.

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From: Marc Krueger <fistale5@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 7:02 AM

To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject:

Keep area 7 open in August. Why are we the only area with new restrictions.

I wouldn't mind annual limits but let us fish.

Marc Krueger

Long time Anacortes fisherman

From: 4stringman@gmail.com
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Shakers and mortality
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:20:53 PM

Mr. Baltzell,

I attended the Mill Creek meeting and met you there.

I just started Blackmouth fishing this year after taking 40 years off from fishing.

This year I have caught a lot of shakers and only one legal size hatchery fish. It seems to me the mortality rate is pretty high on shakers. I have had two fish in my last trip out where the hook involved an eye. I've heard those fish usually die. It seems a waste to let them go. I know they enter the food chain but has WDFW ever considered a rule change to allow, or even require fish that have eye involvement or significant bleeding to be retained if they are hatchery fish? These fish are bigger than trout, bigger than kokanee all of which have huge followings of people fishing for them. They would make good eating and would take people off the water and reduce the number of other fish being injured.

I just thought I would ask the question. I am using a pinched down barbs and I have a nice dehooker so I am trying my best to keep them ticking.

All the best,

Mike Henderson
Whidbey Island

From: [Mark Litzenberger](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Skokomish
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 12:44:13 PM

So Mark,

It looks like the State gave in on the Skokomish again. Could you please let me know what the reason was? I really feel the state misled us on what happened last year. I am feel like this has gone on long enough and that no change is ever going to happen. If the sides can not come to a simple agreement in 4 years, why would we ever believe they will. It is not complicated. A clear view of the treaty and past court cases make it clear that the tribe does not have standing. I realize the state does not want a law suit, but this is ridiculous. Please give me a clear understanding of what the issue is that is holding up an agreement.

Mark Litzenberger

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>
To: Mark.Baltzell <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>
Sent: Mon, Apr 8, 2019 3:35 pm
Subject: Re: Skokomish

Thanks Mark,

Like I said, some rumors were bouncing around. I figured it was best to just ask then to accept them at face value. I appreciate you taking time to respond. Good luck and I hope everything goes well.

Mark Litzenberger

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From: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>
To: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Apr 8, 2019 3:21 pm
Subject: RE: Skokomish

Hi Mark.

Well if the tribes walked out that is news to me. I can say that so far things have been very difficult and at times I wondered which way things were going. I am hopeful headed to California that we can reach agreement and have fishing seasons in place for 2019-20. If you want to tune in, we have set up conference calls from California from Fri-Mon of next week to keep folks in the loop about what is going on. Info is on the website.

Cheers.

Mark

From: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 11:43 AM

To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject: Re: Skokomish

Mark,

I have been seeing rumors that the tribes walked out of NOF. Is this true and if so, is the department going to address this openly? I realize that some negotiations are probably going on, but if possible it would be nice to know what is happening and how it might effect the overall process. I would prefer that the State be open but any information you can give would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Mark Litzenberger

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From: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

To: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>

Sent: Thu, Mar 7, 2019 10:31 am

Subject: RE: Skokomish

Hi Mark,

Thanks for your note. The director and other policy representatives from the agency recently met with Skokomish tribal leadership. I was not present at the meeting, but my understanding is that it was a productive discussion and both sides are continuing to discuss the issues. I have not heard anything about the tribe proposing fees. I do not think I would be out of line to say that the state would not agree to anything that would support the tribal position of river ownership. As we move forward through the NOF process, we should gain a clearer picture of a potential river fishery for this year. I know the co-manager biological staff have also been in discussions for a potential river fishery.

Feel free to reach out and I'll do my best to provide as much information as I can.

Mark

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From: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 9:50 AM

To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Skokomish

Mark

As we are getting very close to the NOF meeting, I was wondering if any new information has come out about the Skokomish.

The rumor I have heard is that the Tribe is holding out for fees. The fact is, that the tribe could do this without the State's approval (Several tribes, including the Quinault, Makah and Colville tribes charge and allow some type of fishing on Tribal land). I ask that the state does not agree to this, as it will likely be considered as agreeing to the Tribe's assertion that they own the land. Once this concession is given, it will be very hard to get back to not paying. The tribe, then, would be in control of the fee and access. If they want to be compensated for some type of joint cleaning and monitoring of the river that is reasonable, or asking for an increased enforcement personal, that would be acceptable, just as long as it is not able to be perceived as an acknowledgement of their claim of ownership.

Thanks

Mark Litzenberger

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From: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

To: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>

Cc: Downen, Mark R (DFW) <Mark.Downen@dfw.wa.gov>

Sent: Tue, Feb 19, 2019 8:34 am

Subject: RE: Skokomish

Hi Mark

At the risk of being too optimistic, I can tell you that our new Director has had 1 meeting with the Skokomish and is slated to have another this week. He has stated to them that fishing on the river was one of his priorities. We should have an answer to the question by mid-April when the North of Falcon meetings wrap up.

The state, the co-managers and NOAA have been working for the past several years on a new Chinook plan. There are just a couple of outstanding details to wrap up and I am confident that a new plan will be submitted by the summer.

Hope my brief answers help.

Mark

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From: Mark Litzenberger <lmarklitz@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 7:59 PM

To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>

Subject: Skokomish

Mark,

We are now into mid-February, so I am wondering if any headway has been made with the Skokomish Tribe in opening the river. Also, you mentioned in the past that the state was thinking about getting a long term Chinook management plan that is approved by NOAA fisheries. This first came up on 2016 and was discussed at that time, but apparently not pursued. That was almost 3 years ago, so I am wondering why there has been a delay. I realize it was limited and for a one time exemption, but the tribe was able to present a passable option in less a very short time. My guess is that it has not been a priority, but if not, then why.

Thanks

Mark Litzenberger
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May 11, 2019

Kelly Susewind, Director, WDFW
Ron Warren, Assistant Director, WDFW
Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Leader, WDFW
Jennifer Whitney, District 13 Fish Biologist

Dear Director Susewind, Assistant Director Warren, Fish Management Division Leader Burley, and District 13 Biologist Whitney,

I am writing to express my displeasure and disdain regarding the Department's management actions regarding fresh water recreational fishing seasons on the Stillaguamish River in north Puget Sound. Instead of being open to recreational fishing for the usual summer seasons for sea run cutthroat trout and summer run steelhead, the river remains closed until September 16, foreclosing three-and-one-half months of recreational stream fishing opportunity. The alleged reason is conservation of ESA-listed Stillaguamish River Chinook salmon. I say alleged because any informed person knows that the conservation benefit to Chinook salmon is entirely imaginary when your own Departmental analyses estimate impacts ranging from 1.4 to 4 salmon if the recent year closures hadn't occurred.

The conservation concern regarding Stillaguamish Chinook salmon is real. As a discreet stock these Chinook, referring to natural spawners here, have not been able to maintain a recruit per spawner of 1.0 or greater for decades. Lacking the efforts of the Stillaguamish Indian Tribe to culture this Chinook stock at the tribal hatchery for the last 40 years, they would more likely than not be extinct by now. The Stillaguamish watershed is in such poor condition, largely from forest practices on highly unstable slopes, that the natural habitat can no longer sustain its endemic Chinook salmon population. And the Oso landslide of five years ago, with its extreme sediment deposition, may have been the final nail in the coffin for Chinook productivity in the Stillaguamish basin.

Fishing, and especially the sea run cutthroat and summer steelhead fishing on the Stillaguamish River is not now, nor ever has been, the problem with this Chinook population. The legitimate conservation concern is impacts to wild (and hatchery) Chinook, which are extremely depressed (but are encountered in marine fisheries in vastly larger numbers than would ever be handled in the summer flyfishing season). Impacts to Stillaguamish Chinook in freshwater are already minimal with flyfishing only, single barbless hooks, and no bait requirements. If greater restrictions were actually necessary to further conserve Chinook, imposing regulations allowing only the use of floating fly lines and a small maximum barbless hook size, like size 6, would satisfy most anglers who participate in the fishery and decrease the odds of hooking a Chinook to nearly zero. Of course, use of gear restrictions to prevent the catch of Chinook in the fishery would only be "effective" if the actual goals of management were to simultaneously conserve Chinook as well as preserve the sport fishing seasons for gamefish. As it stands, a fishery with essentially no impacts to Chinook is being indefensibly sacrificed under false pretenses.

It should also be noted that Stillaguamish Chinook are threatened with extinction independent of any and all fishing in WA waters. The fly fishing anglers don't target Chinook, and the number incidentally hooked while sport fishing pales in comparison to the number poached each year by snaggers, spear guns, and dynamite (all of which I have witnessed in years gone by). Stillaguamish Chinook are in a world of hurt, but closing sport fishing makes zero measurable difference to the future of this salmon population.

Yet again WDFW has sold out recreational angling to appease treaty tribes in the North of Falcon negotiations (which are closed to public observation). Word on the street is that the WDFW negotiator(s) want to get along with the treaty tribes. Well, of course, most of us want to get along with the tribal co-managers and pretty much everyone. However, informed citizens are quite aware that if WDFW were to tell one of the treaty tribes how to manage its treaty fishery, the tribe would tell WDFW to “go pound sand.” Or words to that effect. Yet when a tribe demands that WDFW close a recreational fishery that has zero measurable effect of Chinook stock abundance, WDFW, you, the people I and other anglers hire with our state tax and license fee dollars to manage angling opportunity for us, decided to throw sport fishing under the bus for imaginary salmon conservation benefits, presumably so you can “get along with the tribes.” This is the third time in the most recent four seasons that WDFW has decided to bite the hand that feeds it for alleged and or imaginary salmon conservation benefits, at the direct expense of recreational fisheries that have zero or de minimus effects on salmon.

Let me be clear: I am not opposed to the treaty tribes exercise of their legal fishing rights. However I am very much opposed to the “tail wagging the dog,” where tribes dictate to the Department what recreational seasons may occur and when and how. That is not their bailiwick. The Department must advocate for its primary constituents, those of us who fund the Department’s very existence and keep the doors open at the NRB. So stop already with biting the hand that feeds you!

The only reasonable recourse and effective conservation action is for the tribal, state, and federal fishery agencies to support the continued operation of the Stillaguamish Tribe's hatchery effort to maintain the unique Stillaguamish Chinook stock, very much like the California condor hatchery effort. Meanwhile, even if you could stop all fisheries in the marine environment that might take a Stillaguamish Chinook salmon, the stock would remain imperiled for the reason I mentioned above.

WDFW leadership is driving the agency to the brink of anadromous sportfishing irrelevancy. WDFW sought recreational license and fee increases again in the latest legislative session, but was rebuffed due largely to push back by sportfishing groups. These are the same people who have supported WDFW funding in the Legislature for decades. The reversal in support is directly because WDFW has chosen not to support or advocate for various recreational fisheries. And that begets the logical question of why should anglers whose fisheries are unnecessarily closed continue to support WDFW? Much as I loathe Legislative meddling, it’s become

increasingly apparent that an overhaul of the Department from the outside may be preferable to the status quo. Washington's recreational anglers deserve a Departmental Fish Program that works for the people who pay for it. Wouldn't you agree?

Steve Fransen

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Adicks, Kyle K (DFW)

From: Assistant Director, Fish Program (DFW)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:44 AM
To: Salmo_g@hotmail.com
Cc: Susewind, Kelly (DFW); Burley, Craig C (DFW); Whitney, Jennifer L (DFW)
Subject: Stillaguamish River recreational fishing closure

Dear Mr. Fransen,

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns about the loss of fresh water recreational fishing opportunity on the Stillaguamish River. Your input is valued and I would like to offer an explanation on how we got to the point of restricting Stillaguamish gamefish seasons to protect Chinook.

As you state, the conservation concern regarding Stillaguamish Chinook salmon is real. The status of wild Puget Sound Chinook salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has not improved in the 20 years since ESA listing, in spite of the huge efforts across multiple arenas to recover these populations. WDFW agrees with your thinking that until habitat is improved in the Stillaguamish watershed, maintaining and expanding the Chinook hatchery recovery programs for both summer and fall Chinook is a key component to the recovery of Stillaguamish Chinook stocks. The Stillaguamish Tribe and WDFW continue to work together on this recovery effort which involves three hatcheries, the two Stillaguamish tribal hatcheries and WDFW's Whitehorse Hatchery.

The Chinook forecast for the Stillaguamish River this year is estimated to be 943 fish (376 wild, 567 hatchery). This forecasted low abundance of Stillaguamish Chinook automatically restricts all fisheries to an 8% total exploitation rate on this stock. In contrast, the 2018 predicted abundance was approximately 1,500 Chinook, allowing a 13% exploitation rate. You may or may not be aware that in order for the co-managers to obtain a permit to fish under the ESA, all of our planned fisheries combined must meet the management objectives in any given year. At the beginning of the pre-season, last year's fisheries were entered into the planning model with this year's forecasted abundances. The exploitation rate for that scenario was almost 16%. It should not be surprising that constraints on fishing and impacts of fisheries grow tighter as ESA-listed populations fall to these critically low levels.

As you mention, fishing seasons in Puget Sound are not set unilaterally by decision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife; rather, they are the result of complex and dynamic negotiations with the tribal co-managers during the North of Falcon process. Not surprisingly, as abundances of salmon returning to individual watersheds continued to decline, the tribes in those watersheds have also faced significant decreases to their fisheries. While the economic impact and angler disappointment around sport fishery closures in various areas and months are undoubtedly large, they are weighed against treaty tribal fisheries that will not be able to harvest enough fish to meet the ceremonial or subsistence needs of the tribe. The final co-manager fishing package this year used all of the allowable impacts on Stillaguamish Chinook. Both Tribal fisheries and State fisheries were greatly curtailed for next year and the non-treaty sector ended up with more impacts (52%) on Stillaguamish Chinook than the tribes (48%). The Stillaguamish Tribe reduced their impacts to just 22 Chinook, 15 in directed ceremonial and subsistence fisheries and another 7 during their coho fisheries. While I agree that there is likely very little Chinook salmon mortality in a fly-fishing only, barbless hook, catch and release gamefish fishery such as the one we have historically had on the North Fork Stillaguamish, I don't think we can say that there is zero mortality. Combined Stillaguamish in-river sport gamefish fisheries had a modeled impact of three Chinook mortalities. We reserved those three fish impacts for gamefish all the way through the PFMC discussions until the last day. Ultimately those three fish were needed to meet the conservation objectives for

Stillaguamish Chinook. Your point about poachers and snaggers taking Chinook has not gone unnoticed by WDFW enforcement or tribal co-managers and is often used as an argument for why all sport fisheries should be closed when Chinook are present in the river. It is also difficult to conduct limited creel evaluations that could aid in our discussions while developing season structure without adequate funding to do so. Restricting Stillaguamish gamefish seasons once again this year was not a decision WDFW took lightly or without considering the impacts to anglers such as yourself.

Once again, thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts and concerns. We recognize and appreciate recreational anglers' substantial contribution to the fishing-related economy of our state and their concern for the sustainability of our salmon runs for generations into the future.

If you should have any further questions, please contact Edward Eleazer at the WDFW Region 4 Mill Creek Office at (425) 775-1311 ext. 109 or via email at Edward.eleazer@dfw.wa.gov. We wish you the best of luck fishing this year.

Adicks, Kyle K (DFW)

From: Assistant Director, Fish Program (DFW)
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 4:17 PM
To: alpinequest08@yahoo.com
Cc: Whitney, Jennifer L (DFW)
Subject: FW: North of Falcon Decision on Nfk Stillaguamish River:

Dear Mr. McLeod,

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns about the loss of gamefish opportunity on the Stillaguamish. The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife deeply appreciates the work that you and your Grandfather have done. Not only in the preservation of fly-fishing traditions, but also demonstrating their important role that they play in conservation. Your input is greatly valued and I would like to offer an explanation on how we ended up restricting Stillaguamish gamefish seasons to protect Chinook.

As you know, the status of wild Puget Sound Chinook salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has not improved in the 20 years since ESA listing, in spite of the huge efforts across multiple arenas to recover these populations. It should not be surprising that constraints on fishing and impacts of fisheries grow tighter as ESA-listed populations fall to critically low levels, in spite of our efforts to boost fishing through hatcheries and mark-selective fisheries.

The Chinook forecast for the Stillaguamish River this year is just over 900 fish (376 wild, 567 hatchery). Stillaguamish Chinook were the most limiting stock for almost all Puget Sound fisheries this year. I know that you are aware that fishing seasons in Puget Sound are not set unilaterally by decision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife; rather, they are the result of complex and dynamic negotiations with the tribal co-managers during the North of Falcon Process. Not surprisingly, as abundances of salmon returning to individual watersheds have dwindled, the tribes in those watersheds have faced massive decreases to their fisheries. While the economic impact of sport fishery closures in various areas and months are undoubtedly large, they are weighed against treaty tribal fisheries that will not be able to harvest enough fish to meet the ceremonial or subsistence needs of the tribe. The final co-manager fishing package this year used all of the allowable impacts on Stillaguamish Chinook. Tribal fisheries were greatly curtailed along with sport fisheries and the non-treaty sector ended up with more impacts (52%) on Stillaguamish Chinook than the tribes (48%). The Stillaguamish Tribe reduced their impacts to just 22 Chinook, 15 in directed ceremonial and subsistence fisheries and another 7 in coho fisheries.

While I agree that there is likely very little Chinook salmon mortality in a fly-fishing only, barbless hook, catch and release gamefish fishery such as the one your Grandfather established, and WDFW hopes to restore to the North Fork Stillaguamish, I don't think we can say that there is zero mortality. Combined Stillaguamish in-river sport gamefish fisheries had a modeled impact of three Chinook mortality. We reserved that three fish impact for gamefish all the way through the PFMC discussions until the last day. Ultimately those three fish were needed to meet the conservation objectives for Stillaguamish Chinook. Restricting Stillaguamish gamefish seasons once again this year was not a decision WDFW took lightly or without considering the impacts to anglers such as yourself.

Thank you again for your thoughtful letter and comments on the 2019 North of Falcon process, and I look forward to your continued engagement on these difficult topics.

From: "Ken j. Mcleod" <alpinequest08@yahoo.com>
Date: May 8, 2019 at 6:30:35 PM PDT
To: "Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov" <Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: Fw: North of Falcon Decision on Nfk Stillaguamish River:
Reply-To: "Ken j. Mcleod" <alpinequest08@yahoo.com>

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019 6:28 PM, Ken J. McLeod <alpinequest08@yahoo.com> wrote:

The North Fork and South Fork Stillaguamish Rivers have been North of Falcon (tribal co managers mandates) "emergency closed" to all fishing from May 25 to Sept 15th due to predicted low wild Chinook run of 2019. "Sigh." Once again there is little if any mortality rate on Chinook Salmon wherein an established fly fishing only, barbless hook, catch & release regulation is in effect as has been for decades in the North Fork. I am extremely disenchanted with the WDFW, for allowing this to happen, caving its charter as it relates to sport game fishing pertaining to trout & steelhead and catering to this North of Falcon decision making process. "Total loss of opportunity." Aside but related, I have little left of confidence in the WDFW to date primarily due to this decision. My family has owned property on the North Fork since 1928, my grandfather established the 1st fly fishing only river in the U.S.A, the Nfk Stilly, shame on the Dept. and powers to be for not standing firm for sports fishing opportunity herewith.

Sincerely,

Ken James McLeod

past pres. Steelhaed Trout Club of Wa. (5 terms)

Snohomish Sportsmen's Club member since 1990

past Trail Blazers Club member (alpine lakes fish stockers) 32 years

grandson of the founding father (Ken McLeod) of Washington Game Dept.

cc: Jennifer Whitney

Ron Warren



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May 16, 2019

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Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 2019 North of Falcon process, and for your interest in Puget Sound salmon fishing. Your views, concerns and input are valued, so I would like to offer some explanations and slightly different perspectives on several of the issues that you have raised.

As you know, the status of wild Puget Sound chinook salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has not improved in the 20 years since ESA listing, in spite of the huge efforts across multiple arenas to recover these populations, including all of the steps taken to limit the impact of fisheries, such as the implementation of mark-selective recreational fisheries throughout the Sound. I agree that mark-selective fishing is the backbone of Washington's salmon fishing industry, and is the only tool we have that allows us to continue salmon harvest in many areas of the state with ESA-listed salmon populations. While mark-selective fisheries can minimize the impact of harvest of hatchery fish on wild populations, they still result in mortality of wild fish. It should not be surprising that constraints on fishing and impacts of fisheries grow tighter as ESA-listed populations fall to critically low levels, in spite of our efforts to boost fishing through hatcheries and mark-selective fisheries.

Your letter states that "WDFW's decision to decrease mark-selective fishing opportunity... was not essential to conservation of wild chinook." You are probably aware that fishing seasons in Puget Sound are not set unilaterally by decision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife; rather, they are the result of complex and dynamic negotiations with the tribal co-managers during the North of Falcon process. Not surprisingly, as abundances of salmon returning to individual watersheds have dwindled, the tribes in those watersheds have faced massive decreases to their fisheries. While the economic impact of marine recreational fishery closures in various areas and months are undoubtedly large, they are weighed against treaty tribal fisheries that will not be able to harvest enough fish to meet the ceremonial or subsistence needs of the tribe. The final co-manager fishing package this year used all of the allowable impacts on at least two Puget Sound chinook stocks – Nooksack and Stillaguamish. Additional mark-selective fishing opportunity in times and areas that have impacts on either of these stocks would have required

reductions to other fisheries. While you may be unhappy with planned fisheries due to the allocation outcomes between state and tribal fisheries, or between various state fisheries, decreases to fisheries were necessary to meet conservation objectives for listed chinook this year.

You also express disappointment that WDFW partially justified the Puget Sound closures as conservation for southern resident killer whales (SRKW). WDFW described all of the fishery reductions as being made for chinook conservation, but as also likely providing some benefit to SRKW. It was unclear whether NMFS would ask for additional restrictions to fisheries to protect SRKW this year, as they did after the end of North of Falcon in 2018. While NMFS did not implement their draft framework for evaluating the effects of Puget Sound fisheries on SRKW prey, it was clear that they would be evaluating fishery effects. Ignoring the potential effects of the fishery reductions in 2019 to SRKW, rather than outlining their potential benefit to NOAA prior to NOAA's ESA review of Puget Sound fisheries, did not seem like a prudent approach given the increased scrutiny this year.

Finally, you claim that WDFW did not follow the Commission's North of Falcon policy C-3608 in three areas:

1. *Prioritize chinook harvest for recreational opportunity in Marine Catch Area 7.* WDFW planned 2019 recreational fisheries using a balanced approach across the different Puget Sound marine catch areas, which follows the Commission's 2019-2023 North of Falcon policy. Chinook harvest was prioritized for recreational opportunity throughout Puget Sound, and fishery reductions were made across diverse Puget Sound marine areas to reduce impacts on stocks of concern, while distributing meaningful fishing opportunities across the various marine catch areas. The recreational closure of Area 7 in August was proposed after careful consideration of the impacts of that fishery on critical stocks, and comparison to the number and size of closures that would have been needed in other areas to have a similar effect on critical stocks.
2. *Provide proper stakeholder input and transparency:* WDFW's annual efforts during the North of Falcon process to simultaneously negotiate fisheries with tribal co-managers while engaging stakeholders to receive and consider their input as we work to provide transparency is a struggle in any year, and was particularly a challenge in 2019 due to the dynamic and complex manner in which negotiations unfolded. Because of the emphasis placed on negotiations around chum salmon management, fishery models for chinook and coho were not available until much later in the process than normal. Department staff were clear with the public and advisors throughout the process that reduction to recreational fisheries in Puget Sound would be necessary in 2019, and sought input on how to prioritize reductions. In large part due to delays in having updated fishery models available, little constructive input was received prior to negotiations reaching the point where proposals needed to be made in the co-manager negotiations. This was frustrating for WDFW as it was for the public, but dissatisfaction with the decisions that were made does not indicate there was not opportunity for input leading up to the decisions.

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3. *Use mark-selective fishing to maximize opportunity and protect depressed stocks:*
Virtually all recreational chinook fishing planned in Puget Sound in 2019 will be mark-selective, and conservation objectives for all stocks are projected to be met. While you may be unhappy with the allocation outcomes between various state fisheries, or between state and tribal fisheries, this does not mean that the policy goal of using mark-selective fishing to maximize opportunity was not followed.

Finally, you commented on the lack of action to renegotiate a ten-year Chinook Management Plan for Puget Sound. As you know, the original plan submitted in December 2017 was deemed insufficient by NOAA, necessitating more work by the co-managers before a revised plan can be submitted. WDFW was also asked to take another look at several components of the plan and renegotiate them. WDFW has continued work on renegotiation and revision of the plan over the past year. Negotiating an ESA fishery management plan that covers 14 chinook management units with 16 tribal governments is obviously a complex and difficult task. While there have not been significant breakthroughs in negotiations to report, I will ensure that the Department communicates developments with the revised plan to the Commission and to the public.

Thank you again for your thoughtful letter and comments on the 2019 North of Falcon process, and I look forward to your continued engagement on these difficult topics.

Sincerely,



Kelly Susewind
Director

cc: Fish and Wildlife Commission
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Re: North of Falcon 2019 & Chinook Harvest Management Plan

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you today about my deep concern that WDFW's 20-year investment in Puget Sound mark-selective fisheries is in serious jeopardy.

Based on the recently concluded North of Falcon salmon season-setting process, I question WDFW's commitment to mark-selective fishing and priority use of hatchery chinook salmon for recreational fishing opportunity that is the back bone of Washington's \$6.9B recreational boating and fishing industry (attached), with recreational anglers providing nearly 40% of WDFW funding through license fee sales. Following are my specific areas of concern.

Massive Closures of Puget Sound Mark-Selective Fisheries

WDFW's decision, this past weekend, to decrease recreational mark-selective fishing opportunity in Puget Sound for the 2019-2020 seasons by 50% or more in some of the most popular fishing areas was not essential to conservation of wild chinook and will be devastating to our member businesses. WDFW reported that Puget Sound hatchery chinook returns in 2018 were up 24% over the 10-year average and a similar forecast was made for the 2019 season. With the status of Puget Sound wild chinook salmon remaining critical, benefits from the massive public investment in our hatcheries requires the Department's full employment of mark-selective fishing.

No Action by WDFW to renegotiate 10-year Chinook Management Plan

WDFW has been directed by the Commission to renegotiate the Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan (Management Plan) with the Puget Sound Tribes and to my knowledge WDFW has taken no meaningful steps to accomplish this. Attached is my December 28, 2017 letter to the Commission outlining my concerns with the Management Plan. Sadly, as we predicted the "devastation" of mark-selective recreational fishing in Puget Sound is taking place.

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Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Conservation

I serve on Governor Inslee's SRKW Task Force and I am disappointed that WDFW partially justified the Puget Sound closures as SRKW conservation. The Task Force did not recommend recreational fishing closures for SRKW conservation for either prey availability or vessel disturbance. Additionally, NMFS has not directed WDFW to implement additional restrictions to Puget Sound recreational fisheries for SRKW conservation this year

WDFW is not following Commission Policy C-3608

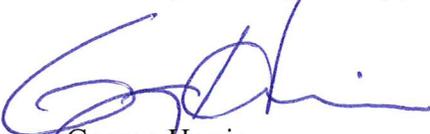
In three areas WDFW did not follow commission policy during this year's North of Falcon.

1. Prioritize chinook harvest for recreational opportunity in Marine Catch Area 7
2. Provide proper stakeholder input and transparency
3. Use mark-selective fishing to maximize opportunity and protect depressed stocks

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person to discuss these concerns more thoroughly.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely and respectfully,



George Harris
President & CEO

cc: Kelly Susewind, Director Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife



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Re: Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you today about the most concerning issue to ever come across my desk as President/CEO of the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) – The Comprehensive Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan.

NMTA recently marked its 70th year of service, and is the nation's oldest and largest regional marine trade association with 725-member businesses and public ports, many of which are small, family-owned businesses. Our state has nearly 240,000 boats registered statewide and more than half of these boats are used for fishing. These boats are built, serviced, sold, outfitted and stored by our members. In 2014, Governor Inslee's Blue Ribbon Outdoor Recreation Task Force recognized that boating and fishing are the largest contribution – over \$3.2 billion (National Marine Manufacturers Association) - to Washington's outdoor recreation economy of \$21.6 billion (Recreation and Conservation Office's "Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State").

The conservation of Puget Sound Chinook is of the utmost importance to NMTA. Since 2001, the state of Washington has removed the adipose fin of hatchery fish prior to their release, allowing Washington anglers to selectively harvest hatchery salmon and conserve wild salmon. In addition, this has allowed fishery managers to improve sampling and data collection. This Plan effectively ends our state's 20-year investment in Mark-Selective Fishing.

After careful review of the Plan immediately after it was released on December 1, 2017, NMTA and recreational fishing groups had two meetings with the Director and staff of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). We learned from information provided by WDFW that the Plan would devastate selective fishing in Puget Sound for the next 10 years, confirming our worst fears.

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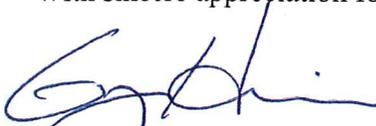
Equally troubling was the total lack of transparency in the development of the Plan. The public, businesses or anglers had no idea of what was in the Plan. In fact, it appears that not even the Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) was aware of what was in the Plan until after it was signed.

Finally, to make matters worse we learn that even with closing down selective fishing in Puget Sound, we still will not recover critical Chinook runs as described on page 167 of the Plan - "*due to the limited productivity of the existing habitat, it is unlikely that fishery actions alone can rebuild Stillaguamish Chinook to higher levels.*" NMTA would like to know why WDFW would support a Plan that closes Puget Sound selective fishing and provides no conservation benefit for doing so.

It is our understanding that the Commission sets policies, goals and objectives for WDFW and the Director and as stated on the WDFW website "*establishes the basic rules and regulations governing the time, place, manner and methods used to harvest or enjoy fish and wildlife.*" We recognize that there are tribal and federal requirements which the Commission must take into account when carrying out these responsibilities. But, these requirements validate the responsibility to inform the public about these matters. Especially when the consequences of attempting to fulfill those responsibilities are so serious.

We are asking that the Commission intervene in the implementation of the Plan before it is finalized. We are ready and willing to work with WDFW to develop a Plan that achieves appropriate selective fishing opportunities and conservation benefits.

With sincere appreciation for your public service,



George Harris
President/CEO

cc: The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor
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From: [PL Pattillo](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Coho mark rates
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:37:59 AM

Mark,

Thanks for your time yesterday. I've given some thought to the discussion of coho seasons and would like to generate a starting proposal with support from the rec folks for the department to consider prior to our first public meeting (March 19).

As we discussed, mark-selective fishing in some key areas such as 8-2 and 9 may be necessary to ensure we don't get into a pinch, especially with Snohomish wild coho. I'm sure we will see the evidence of a challenge with respect to conservation objectives for that "over-fished" stock with the STT's modeling of ocean options with last year's inside fisheries. When FRAM is available for running alternative season proposals for state-managed fisheries, I think it would be helpful to see the effect of mark-selective rules in all fisheries from Area 5-9, not including 8-1. And the season structure for that model run would be as last year but with September restored in 8-1 & 8-2 (October as well?). For contrast, flip the switch to non-selective one area at a time, starting with those times known to have low mark rates such as September in Areas 5, 6, 7, 8-2 and 9. I suspect we'll see that isn't going to be possible, but the impact of non-selective - or the conservation effectiveness of mark-selective - needs to be demonstrated. This analysis will be helpful in turning back the tide of exuberance for non-selective fishing that you heard on Saturday's radio show.

I also think it would be helpful to have the actual mark rates from sampling those fisheries in recent years - say, 2016-18?

Thanks Mark, and let me know what you think.
Pat

From: [Highliner Charters](#)
To: [Susewind, Kelly \(DFW\)](#); [Larry Carpenter](#); [Baltzell, Mark E. \(DFW\)](#); [Warren, Ron R. \(DFW\)](#)
Cc: [PL Pattillo](#); [George Harris](#); [mark riedesel](#)
Subject: Director visit
Date: Friday, April 19, 2019 8:05:35 AM

Gentlemen,

It's no secret that I was deeply dissatisfied with not only the results of 2019 North of Falcon, but I was quite appalled at the process. I would, however, like to thank the Director and the other staff members for taking the time visit with those who were directly affected by the recent decisions. I hope that you would reach out to the Anacortes PSA chapter and schedule a similar type of meeting very soon. Should this meeting take place, **I would not attend** as I feel the need to look forward now. However, those who fish MA-7 most frequently need to hear from WDFW directly, and very soon.

My wife and I are scrambling to figure out if we can continue to operate our business, and if so what it will look like. One-third of our annual gross was erased by this one decision and that is devastating for a small business. At this point, it appears that unless the details within the Harvest Management Plan are reworked, my business may go under.

My wife Pattie and I have spent ten years and invested hundreds of thousands of dollars building Highliner and R&R Charters in Anacortes. To provide some perspective, I've given you a snapshot of our business operation, and we are just one of a dozen of small businesses potentially sunk by this Harvest Management Plan as it is currently written:

-In 2018 we served over 1100 customers, sold over 750 WDFW One-Day fishing licenses and paid over \$19,000 in state sales taxes.

-We own two boats, one purchased from Islands Marine Center on Lopez Island and the other from a broker here in Anacortes. I have purchased three \$18,500 engines from Master Marine in Mount Vernon in the last ten years.

-We spend over \$17,000 annually in dock and office rental fees at Skyline Marina in Anacortes. This past year we spent over \$22,000 in gasoline purchases.

-This year we spent over \$8000 in tackle and equipment purchases, much of it from Holiday Sports in Burlington, Outdoor Emporium, LFS, and West Marine.

-Many of our customers travel to Anacortes to enjoy its beauty and partake in all it has to offer, especially salmon fishing. A large number of these customers stay in hotels, eat at restaurants, and while here enjoy other local activities such as whale watching and sea kayaking.

-We also employ five captains whose families count on the summer income to help support their households. This past year we donated over \$15,000 to Christian-based charities. One of those organizations, located in Lynden, Washington, is a safe house for women who have been freed from the sex trafficking industry. We've been supporting charities through our business for the entire ten years we've been in operation.

All this to say we create a tremendous amount of economy for a small town like Anacortes. Under the current agreed to Management Plan, my business is destined to be another "unfortunate casualty" of hard but necessary decisions made in the name of conservation. However, I believe this to be avoidable as there are many alternatives. On behalf of the thousands of sport fisherman and hundreds marine & fishing related business owners of Puget Sound, I urge you to work towards a solution with less drastic consequences.

Brett

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From: [PL Pattillo](#)
To: [Adicks, Kyle K \(DFW\)](#); [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Cc: [Dapp, Derek R \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: In-season management Puget Sound Sport winter
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 2:21:21 PM

Kyle and Mark,

I met this morning with Derek and Dan to discuss a proposal that I've been developing to consider a modification of the current approach to in-season management of sport mark-selective fisheries in Puget Sound. I think it is important to explore the technical basis for such a proposal ahead of a specific proposal. For any proposal to be effective, or implemented, it would ultimately need to be part of the annual North of Falcon agreement with the tribes. To get to that point, WDFW would need to explore the technical and policy issues of the proposal and determine if the proposal has merit for moving forward with the co-management process. So I'm beginning with an early step.

I think Derek has a good understanding of the concepts and the data or estimates (e.g., FRAM forecasts of ERs or encounters) that are key to development of this approach. I'll continue to work with them, understanding they have priorities and are quite busy, to evaluate the concepts and the viability or practicality of the proposal. I also understand how difficult it is to change the status quo for managing these fisheries by agreement and don't have a great expectation that such a proposal brought forward at this point in the North of Falcon process has a very good chance of arrival by mid-April.

I do think it is important to at least make progress with this issue - not a new issue of concern for the recreational fishing public - and still hope WDFW can find a way to make a first step over the next month.

I'll stay in touch,

Thanks. Pat

From: [PL Pattillo](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Modeling Questions
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 12:14:50 PM

Mark,

I doubt that you'll have time today, but when you might have a few minutes could I speak with you about the modeling you shared with me? I see some odd impact results looking at Stilly and MHC and wonder about inputs. I might try to find Derek, assuming he did the modeling. From your explanation yesterday, I am assuming those runs all have the same PS sport fishery inputs (they have the same impacts) and that they reflect a closure of August (and September from last year) in Area 7, as well as a closure in January. That's a huge hit for that area.

Impacts certainly are reduced for each of those stocks. But why was such a drastic move made for just that area? Cutting 2/3 of the summer fishery there while leaving the other areas untouched? Was it all for Stillaguamish? Curiously, the impacts in Area 5 doubled compared with last year's final run for both stocks. And MHC impacts in Area 6 increased during the summer while zeroing out in the winter. What's going on there? Area 11 impacts increased for both stocks in the winter and summer, but that could simply be the reduced abundance of deep SS hatchery fish.

Anyway, I really think this needs more scrutiny. Knowing how these moves have been made in the past and reversals can be interpreted as bad faith negotiating by the Tribes, I hope that WDFW isn't committed to this drastic cut for A7. I thought Shawn Yanity requested WDFW reduce Stilly impacts to 4.0%.

I could have misinterpreted the runs.

Pat

From: [Frank Urabeck](#)
To: [Warren, Ron R \(DFW\)](#)
Cc: [Larry Carpenter](#); [Don McIsaac](#); [Barbra Baker FWC](#); [Susewind, Kelly \(DFW\)](#); [Adicks, Kyle K \(DFW\)](#); [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#); [Hughes, Kirt M \(DFW\)](#); [Downen, Mark R \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: 2019 Skokomish River recreational salmon fisheries
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:43:27 AM

Ron:

Appreciate your response. It came while I was in Texas. Just got back. Sorry I had not seen your attached sport salmon fishery proposal before I left as your proposal continues the closure of the most important part of the river for sports angler: SR 106 to TP Power lines, accessed via Hunter Farms. The river from SR 106 to SR 101, first time restricted by the "Float Rule," will yield a lot less sport caught fish than in the past. Did Larry Phillips propose this? Your proposal, while disappointing, would provide some fishing opportunity by allowing some highly restricted sport salmon fishing and therefore acceptable as being better than nothing at this time, if it is being presented as an interim proposal until we resolve the land ownership issue. It is not acceptable as a long-term fishery regulation!! The proposal would result in only a token harvest by sports anglers and continue the huge imbalance in harvest of the Skokomish River Chinook unfairly favoring the Skokomish Tribe.

Let me know if we can talk tomorrow or later this week. I will be expecting a status report on the land ownership issue.

Thanks much.

Frank

From: Warren, Ron R (DFW)
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2019 4:52 AM
To: Frank Urabeck
Cc: Larry Carpenter ; Don McIsaac ; Barbra Baker FWC ; Susewind, Kelly (DFW) ; Adicks, Kyle K (DFW) ; Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) ; Hughes, Kirt M (DFW) ; Downen, Mark R (DFW)
Subject: RE: 2019 Skokoomish River recreational salmon fisheries

Frank thanks for your continued patience on this matter. Attached is the fishery proposal that we sent to multiple levels of the tribal government. This will be made public at our next NOF meeting until then I hope this will remain limited to this small group (notice my distribution differs from yours). I realize, according to your requested date this is late – however I will continue to communicate in a timely manner based on my workload and schedule. I intentionally remain silent on your other items you requested and would be happy to talk with you about those upon your return. Safe travels.

Ron

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Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:28 AM
To: Warren, Ron R (DFW) <Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov>; Warren, Ron R (DFW) <Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov>
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Subject: Re: 2019 Skokoomish River recreational salmon fisheries

Ron:

Disappointed did not hear back from you. Not consistent with our February 20 chat. If nothing by time I get back from Texas I will be considering comprehensive PDR.

Take care.

Frank

From: Frank Urabeck
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 7:19 PM
To: Ron Warren ; Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov
Cc: Larry Carpenter ; Don McIsaac ; Barbra Baker FWC ; Kelly Susewind ; Ron Garner ; nello.picinich@ccapnw.org
Subject: 2019 Skokoomish River recreational salmon fisheries

Ron:

Based on our February 20 telephone chat and discussions last Wednesday, February 27, during the 2019 NOF pre-season run forecast meetings, I am under impression that there is fair chance of getting Skokoomish River Chinook and Coho sport fisheries reopened this year. Understand that the Skokoomish tribe is willing to consider a 2019 sport river fishery and will be responding to a proposal you promised to provide them by last Friday, March 1. Please share that proposal with me so you can have the benefit of someone who has enjoyed that fishery a lot and worked hard to get it reopened. Also, please keep me informed of the status of discussions with the tribe and the outlook for this proposal being part of the 2019 NOF package. In addition, please provide a status report on the progress being made by the AG.

Would appreciate hearing back from you by this Tuesday, March 5, as I leave for 10 days in

Texas early Wednesday morning. So glad the Commission made this a top priority for Kelly at it's January 11 meeting.

Thanks much.

Frank

From: [Gary](#)
To: ["PL Pattillo"; Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: RE: Coho Proposal
Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019 4:45:40 AM

Pat and Mark:

I see this as a reasonable starting point for the 2019 Coho seasons

I do know that the folks in Area 9 would like to see more non selective Coho fishing opportunity. That change last year caused some confusion and bewilderment from lots of fishers who could not understand how the area 9 needed to be selective and Area 10 and 8.2 where non selective. We probably need to explain the rationale early and often to let the public know.

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Cc: Gary Krein <gary@allstarfishing.com>
Subject: Coho Proposal

Mark,

Here is the last version of the PS coho initial proposal for 2019 that is endorsed by CAPS representatives. I still plan on sending it along to the rest of my support group and to the advisory group membership before officially sending it to WDFW, but if you have the time to discuss it with me and Gary, as Gary suggested this morning, then I am available any time you see the opportunity.
Pat

From: [Curt Kraemer](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#); [Andy Marks](#); [Brandon Mason](#); [Brett Rosson](#); [Carl Nyman](#); [Dave Croonquist](#); [David McCraney](#); [Gabe Miller](#); [Gage Little](#); [Kyle Sorenson \(Pnwsalmonangler@gmail.com\)](#); [Mark Yuasa](#); [Norm Reinhardt](#); [Pat Patillo \(pattillopl@gmail.com\)](#); [Thomas Drews](#); [Thomas Nelson](#); [Art Tachell](#); [Dave Knutzen](#); [David Puki](#); [Don Freeman](#); [Gregg Williams](#); [Mark Riedesel](#); [Michael Rian](#); [Mike Gilchrist](#); [troymckelvey3@gmail.com](#)
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Subject: Re: Comanager Model Runs
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 4:51:48 PM

Mark -

Thanks for the update! Based on what we heard at Lynnwood the sport season matrix is about what I would have expected. It was indeed unfortunate that some discussion didn't take place on how to use the available impacts. Hopefully not much will be needed in regard to Stilly Chinook impacts though I'm not holding my breath. Finding another fish or two will be extremely painful.

A couple questions

The 75 Stilly Chinook C&S - Hopefully that is a total of 75 fish (the upper limit) including any C & S fish.

Given the forecasts I'm assuming that the 20% reduction for the in-river recreational fishery is directed towards coho and not pinks

Good luck!

Curt

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Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 4:02:04 PM

I need to agree with Mark R. that this seems bizarre that these "adjustments" are being made between NOF 2 and PFMC 2 with no time for public involvement. I understand the process was delayed significantly by negotiation challenges but this is unprecedented in my 20 years of involvement in this process.

Many of us are having a very difficult time understanding how this process became even worse this year.

Those of us in the south sound REALLY appreciate the June Coho remaining in the matrix and hope that it makes it through this storm. Thank you for your hard work in this challenging time.

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MARK,

Please again explain the justification for a non sale time Elliot Bay season and what are the dates? Couldn't we use those wild impacts somewhere else that will give us more time on the water?

thanks

Keith

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Subject: Re: Comanager Model Runs
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:13:39 PM

Mark, I can't believe what I think I'm reading here. Do you mean to tell me we will be shut out completely from Pinks and Coho in Aug? I read this as a round about way to get a no-go zone and it stinks to all hell. To me I'm miss reading this!

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Subject: Re: Comanager Model Runs
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:08:01 PM

On a similar note as Steve I'm curious about the encounter number plugged in for winter fisheries, specifically area 10. Is there a more realistic number that this winter was for area 10 winter season that might allow it to run it's course or most of it?

It's very disappointing to again see no opportunity for Salmon fishing in areas 9 or 10 Nov 16-Dec 30. I heard from many operators and also I know first hand that was a big loss during the holidays when there's a demand for family activities.

The value of Area 8-2 in late April is high for charters and it would make sense to split that winter Chinook season by closing it in February and/or March to assure an April full fishery, and I don't know what savings you might get from that but maybe it could add time back to another area?

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On Thu, 11 Apr 2019 21:22:34 +0000 (UTC), "Steve K." wrote:

Hi Mark,

What numbers are area 9 & 10 at for Summer chinook in this model? Is there a pin for the conference call?

Thank you,
Steve K.

On Thursday, April 11, 2019, 2:11:25 PM PDT, Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Comanager Model Runs
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 2:26:10 PM

Mark;

The timely update is much appreciated. In some earlier meetings and conversations, there had been discussions of some enhanced opportunities in Area 11. Is that still a possibility.

I plan to be on the call tomorrow morning.

Thanks.

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To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: Co-manager model runs
Date: Monday, April 8, 2019 9:19:50 AM

Mark,

If you have any time before traveling to California, I would like to discuss some of the modeling and impact issues you described, including WDFW's view of the SRKW situation for 2019. I would also like to have your frank assessment of whether or not WDFW would entertain any changes to the in-season management of winter MSFs for next year. I certainly don't want to be pushing something that wastes valuable staff time this late in the game. It might be my new perspective as a member of the public, but the entire WDFW team looked pretty weary last Wednesday.

Let me know if I can visit, or I'll just see you in California (I'm coming down on Wednesday). Thanks, Pat

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Subject: Re: Co-manager model runs
Date: Friday, April 5, 2019 3:32:06 PM

Ron, Mark and WDFW staff,

After our Charter Association PS Meeting last night, I want to share the requests of our constituents.

Our members continue to stress that time on the water is the priority regardless if this means fishing for Coho, Chum or Chinook salmon and time on the water is valuable any time of year.

JUNE Coho opportunity in area 10 took the lead as a priority (assuming that 9 and/or 10 will be open in July and August for something)

It was expressed by multiple charter operators that Chum salmon IS a valuable opportunity, and if Chum is open commercially and/or tribally it seems fair to offer recreational Chum fishing as well.

I heard from our members that the loss of November and December was a big hit to the industry last year.

I was sent with the message that trying to have one of/either of the areas area 9 OR 10 (and to some extent 8-2) open as much as possible, going back to the "checkerboard" approach that we worked so hard to get over the last 15 years in order to provide some opportunity. And area 11 has some value to our industry.

We have seen a shift in that checkerboard approach and I understand that it may be necessary to meet conservation objectives, but our goal is to give some pushback on losing SOMEPLACE to go fishing for some salmon species AS MANY Days as possible!

Thank you for listening.

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Subject: RE: Feb. 24 Marine Areas 6-10 Chinook encounters estimates
Date: Friday, March 1, 2019 4:26:04 PM

Mark:

The success of NOF 2019 will be judged on how much public was able to vetifiably influence the outcome and gain meaningful fisheries, not on the opportunities for comments. We need much more meaningful fisheries than last year, including the Skokomish.

Share this with Ron and Kelly.

Thanks

Frank

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Thanks for that Mark, my STR's wouldn't show any effort in MA6 as Weather has limited effort for me and when allowed I was unable to "double down" after retaining a fish in MA9 which is what my STR would show for area. Would like to clarify that there isn't any restriction for us to move MA6 back to a 2 fish limit after the derby.... have I mentioned I'm not a derby fan? really feel it important that the state find a way to manage/limit derbies.... or stop them entirely.

Gage

On Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 1:56 PM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Everyone,

This was our screw up from last year. The permanent regulations filed under last spring were 1 fish for Area 6 in the winter time period. 2 fish were printed in the pamphlet. There are 2 reasons we did not just let this one fly under the radar. So far, we have very low sample sizes of VTR's from area 6 and we have only been able to get 1 overflight so far this winter to assess effort, so the current estimates are likely biased low. A couple of VTR's with a number of fish on them could change the estimates dramatically (like double) with such low sample sizes. The other reason is knowing the that there is a very popular fishing derby about to take place with a high number of participants could very well put a huge dent in those encounters estimates. We have been hearing from you that more time on the water was more important than a high bag limit.

We will re-assess after the derby and discuss with the group at that point.

I am really sorry that this happened. I know that when we make a mistake like this it creates confusion, mistrust, angst, and several other things. It is always our goal to do better, and here is another example.

Mark

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David, Mark and all

I need some serious clarification and honesty regarding the emergency rule change for area 6. I looked back at my notes from last years NOF and from what I have the already reduced area 6 winter fishery was intended to be a 2 fish limit as indicated in the reg book! The fact that for two months it has been and fish checkers have been turning in data showing it leads me to believe there wasn't an error in the regulation book! Coupled with only being at 16% it's absurd to reduce this bag limit. All I can think of is that there has been recommendations or push to reduce the limit to one fish during the upcoming derby which I'm on board and support completely; if the case then why not just issue a rule change that says just that? We are supposed to be... and I certainly am, trying to provide the maximum opportunity for anglers to get on the water and catch fish! I'd like to suggest moving area 6 back to a two fish limit less the derby days.

Gage

On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 4:22 PM Stormer, David G (DFW) <David.Stormer@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon all,

I am attaching the most recent estimates of Chinook encounters in areas 6 - 10. As of Feb. 24, 2019 we are at 16% of the total encounters guideline in area 6, 55% and 46% of the total and total unmarked encounters guideline respectively in area 7, 52% of the total encounters guideline in areas 8.1/8.2 and 43% of the total encounters guideline in area 9. FYI, there is an error in the 2018/19 rules pamphlet for Area 6 daily salmon limit. The salmon daily limit in Area 6 is one fish, not two as stated in the pamphlet. Here is a link to the WAC for reference (<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=220-313-060>) . We just issued a fishing rule change to reflect this correction. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Cheers,
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Subject: Re: latest Chinook Model Runs
Date: Friday, April 12, 2019 7:42:09 AM

Mark,

I see part of the stilly impacts 1.8% on treaty troll and I'm wondering is that the Makah chinook troll fishery and what number is plugged into the model at this time for their chinook troll fisheries?

I'm just looking to see if we are at a point yet that the numbers we are plugging into the model reflect realistic numbers from fisheries that are likely to occur.

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On Apr 12, 2019, at 6:48 AM, Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Everyone

Attached are the most recent model run for Chinook from the council from last night. We are at 1 Ocean option. We will go over it on the call this morning. There was an error on the NT side which put stilly at 4.1% NT. Much to talk about.

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Subject: Re: Model Runs
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:41:22 AM

Mark, Derek and David,

As for coho, it looks like the Snohomish ER will need to be at about 12% to hit the 55,000 escapement target for 2019. Area 8-2 and the Snohomish River sport fisheries will obviously need to be much reduced from what was modeled.

Thompson @ 10% will likely require reductions in non-selective for both areas 5 and 7. And for chinook- the current options for both ocean and inside appear unrealistic for both mid-Hood Canal and Stillaguamish. Mark, you mentioned the MHC rate of last year was about 4.2%, but I believe it was actually 3.2% (Chin3218). The Treaty troll ER with 0819 looks like it is 4.4% compared with last year's 3.6%, so the ocean options appear to be putting on a tighter squeeze than last year on the system. For Stilly it is clear that the initial modeling of tribal fisheries isn't a match with the intention of the 8% as the average ER for 2009-14. So the dance begins eh?

Thanks for the early look at the estimates. I won't share these, but look forward to discussing things as soon as you come up for air.

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On Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 7:47 PM PL Pattillo <pattillopl@gmail.com> wrote:

Mark,

Thanks very much for this info and your inside insight. I'll look it over and get back to you tomorrow.

I have not made a connection with the PSSFAG on season proposals for Chinook or coho. The knowledgeable ones like Krein will understand the modeling results but other will require some more deft handling.

Talk or email soon

Pat

On Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 6:58 PM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Pat

Thought I would share model runs with you since you are likely the only one I can think of that understands where we are. As has been in recent years, this PFMC 1 has been a brutal display of grandstanding and line drawing. I even got the Director to admit today that he missed wolf issues. I have played around with the proposals you sent as much as I could without having all of the inside treaty inputs, but given the rhetoric we heard this week, I think non-selective coho fisheries in the straits or even 8-2 may be dicey, just my perspective. Also we will be bumping up on Thompson depending on where we land in the Ocean on coho. Chinook wise. You'll see the Ocean ended up at about 3% On Mid-HC. I think last year's fisheries in there are at about 4.2% so it does not seem like we are that far away. Not enough Stilly in the Ocean .2% to do much with, so that will likely be more of a driver inside.

Let's plan on talking later this week before NOF#1 next week.

Let Derek or I know if you have questions.

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Subject: Re: NOF Update
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:05:20 PM

Mark, does the data that wdfw have support the claim made by the tribes regarding MA10 and 5? i am aware how 10 can hold small fish but seems more early summer than winter, albeit i dont spend a lot of time in 10 winter. i continue to be opposed to a smaller fish size; its like watching the toilet water flush, smaller and smaller until nothing..... similar perhaps to gill netters catching all the big fish until catches are down so they reduce the net size and so on until all we have is lots of small fish! i think some solid ground when it comes to srkw is reminding the co managers that terminal fisheries hardly "dont steal from the mouths of the whales" because theyre at the rivers. those fish are the next wave of food, netting them prior to spawn is an absolute contributing factor. dont want to shoulder this burden purely on the the 1%

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On Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 11:09 AM Dave Knutzen <Dave.Knutzen@nmt.us> wrote:

Thanks Mark – good to see a report and the follow-up emails.

I support Carl’s comments. The attack on Mark Selective Fisheries is ongoing and one I would hope the department continues to support and push on unwarranted criticism whether it is the tribes or the commission. It is our only option if we want to maintain our fisheries under ESA.

Yes, we should lower the size limit on hatchery Chinook and minimize the release mortality argument plus remove hatchery fish from the system.

Thanks everyone for working the issues

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Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:17 AM

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Subject: Re: NOF Update

Mark,

So you're saying that the calculated estimate of mortality on released fish exceeded harvested fish in Marine area 10 in that three-week fishery and that's one if the sticky points with the tribes right now?

Being that was such a short fishery with a small number for total encounters it seems odd to focus on attacking our selective fisheries.

Also there were a lot of keepers and a high success rate so I'm surprised at that statement of more mortalities than kept fish.

I think most of know that reducing the minimum size limit would alleviate allot of release mortality concerns.

Could probably have a two fish bag during the whole winter fishery and far fewer releases while increasing access to hatchery origin chinook.

Thank you,

Carl Nyman

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On Mar 26, 2019, at 3:15 PM, Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Everyone,

I have been meaning to update everyone for several days, but each day seems to be full before it even starts... I'll do my best in this email to describe the events of the 1st PFMC meeting, the subsequent state and tribal meetings, where things stand today, and some things to expect next week in Lynwood.

The first PFMC meetings took place from March 6-12 in Vancouver, WA. The Ocean options that were developed capture a wide range of alternatives that will provide a lot of flexibility when crafting final seasons in the ocean this year. The tribes expressed great concern over the Columbia River Coho forecasts and how the recent year trends are towards over-predicting. The low option for Coho attempts to address some of these concerns by keeping last year's sub-area caps in place for the recreational and troll fisheries in Areas 2,3, and 4 and moves the remaining quota to Area 1. The Coho options are much better than previous years, while the Chinook options are very similar to last year. I have attached the modeling results from the meeting (Labeled Chin 1119-Middle option and Coho Options). Please remember that for both Chinook and Coho modeling thus far, what is modeled is this year's abundances and ocean options with LAST YEAR'S Puget Sound fisheries.

After our NOF Public Meeting on March 19 in Olympia, we had 2 days of tribal meetings in Lacey. Tribes continue to have concerns surrounding mark-selective fisheries. This year they have focused on fisheries where we have more mortalities due to releases than we have harvested catch. This is not a regular occurrence in most areas, but recent years in Area 5 in the summer and Area 10 in the winter were a focus. There was also a lot of consternation surrounding modeling and fishery proposals. As of today, there is not an agreed to co-manager joint model run with proposed 2019-20 fisheries. Unrelated to recreational opportunities but for your information, the tribes have also made Chum fisheries a major discussion item this spring, so staff have also devoted quite a bit of time to addressing those concerns.

The modeling results coming out of the PFMC meetings show that on several of our key Chinook stocks, we have a long way to go to meet our conservation and management objectives. It is difficult to know how little or how much we need

to move, due to the lack of agreement on initial modeling of this year's package. I know that I have been warning folks for a while that Stillaguamish and Mid-Hood Canal stocks would be the biggest drivers to our fisheries, but I also want to make sure that we are not losing sight of other concerning stocks like Nisqually and the Mid-Sound Aggregate (Lk WA, Green, Puyallup). Wherever we land on an Ocean option for Chinook, could have a big effect on how much or how little we need to shape fisheries. I have also attached the AEQ tables for the mid-ocean option and where the impacts are in sport fisheries. Lastly, I have attached a word document that we will be putting on the website soon that gives people the 3 main things we are considering when crafting seasons this year and then some of the fishery modifications we are considering this year.

I want to reiterate that no fishery proposals are set in stone yet. I am hopeful that by the time we gather together next Wednesday, we will have updated co-manager model runs that will provide us more clarity in our fishing package. There is also a planned plenary session for next Wednesday afternoon with the tribes. I also want to reiterate, that we have received direction from both our F&W Commission and NOAA that we need to be considering the needs of SRKW when crafting our fisheries this year. Once again, we are in a very dynamic situation with regards to recreational fisheries in the Sound and things will be very fluid going forward. David and I will do our best to communicate as much as we can as soon as we can.

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From: [Highliner Charters](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: Pinks
Date: Friday, March 22, 2019 7:37:42 AM

Ok. Our regulations state that the bag limit is two fish, one of which can be a chinook. For the record, in coming years I'm for applying this (one of which can be a chinook) to Coho and Pinks as well. I know this is out of your purview, but I read recently about the increased bag limits on bottom fish on the coast and I shook my head. They cited the success of past rebuilding efforts as the reason. Alternatively, I feel giving anglers increased opportunity by way of actual days on the water rather than increased bag limits makes much more sense. Conservatively increasing the number of days we can fish, combined with very narrow bag limits keeps us on the water but constantly rebuilding stocks. The same logic could be applied when a certain stock is in a downward trend (like our Pinks and Coho), ie, keep the anglers on the water but restrict their daily bag limit.

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On Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 7:22 AM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Brett. Our plan for this year was to make pink retention in the marine areas part of the daily limit like it was in 2017.

From: Highliner Charters <highliner.charters@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:37 PM
To: Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov>
Subject: Pinks

Mark can we look at limiting the pinks to (1) this season, at least in Area 7. The last few runs have been dismal up here and after looking at the data I see no reason why we can't just include Pinks in the (2) fish bag limit. Given that Coho run about the same time up here there would still be a reasonable chance to put two fish in the box and yet we would be giving the pinks a chance to rebuild without having to close it down. I don't think this proposal would meet with too much opposition. What do you think?

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Subject: Re: Preliminary 2018_19 Puget Sound winter MSF estimates through 4_15_2019
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:39:17 PM

All,

Adding to Carl's concern, it seems that WDFW has inserted additional conservatism for a fishery that is already managed well beyond any precautionary approach applied to other fisheries they manage. I think WDFW made a miscalculation by closing 8-2 in the midst of sensitive NoF negotiations. I don't see evidence that the move prevented negative outcomes. It's hard to believe that managing for the agreed total encounters of the LOAF commitment could have produced a worse outcome for our winter fisheries next year. To our knowledge the co-management process didn't even allow for discussion of in-season management.

Pat

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Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:45:19 PM

Mark,

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Thanks for sharing it with me!

Mark

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Subject: SoundWatch 2018 report out

Hello team mates,

FYI, our partner SoundWatch just released their annual report for education, outreach and monitoring of vessel activity around orcas (attached). For anyone interested, Page 53 has specific data about the voluntary no-go zone that we promoted last year.

This information will be helpful to us for the future for sure.

Regards

Penny

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Subject: Re: updated chinook and coho sport seasons
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 10:50:52 AM
Attachments: [Chin Matrix 2019 comparison.xlsx](#)

All,

I think the attached spreadsheet captures accurately the changes in Puget Sound marine areas chinook sport opportunity for this year's agreement compared to last year's agreement and, for longer term contrast, to 2014 seasons. Comparisons for Areas 9 and 10 summer seasons are difficult because they are likely much shorter than the matrix graphs depict.

I express some caution still with using these without more time for WDFW or advisors to triple check accuracy.

Pat

On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 9:57 AM <andrew.marks@comcast.net> wrote:

Dave, Thank you for the information.

Might you prepare a spreadsheet for us that contrasts PS Non-tribal fisheries this year versus the immediate past year for us? We need to be able to characterize the loss of opportunity as a result of this years NOF.

Thank you.

Andy

-----Original Message-----

From: Stormer, David G (DFW) <David.Stormer@dfw.wa.gov>
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Subject: updated chinook and coho sport seasons

Good morning, everyone:

Thanks for all your constructive comments, concerns and questions earlier this morning. I am attaching the latest revisions of the sport seasons for chinook and coho. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks!

David

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From: [PL Pattillo](#)
To: [Baltzell, Mark E \(DFW\)](#)
Subject: Re: Winter Troll catch history
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 1:44:41 PM

Thanks Mark. Helpful. Not exactly encouraging, but it's something to work with and you're being straight with us. There isn't much optimism out there with the current NoF "non-process".

You and Kyle and Ron have probably thought of this argument, but the 8% management objective was developed originally by the Tribe to represent the average for 2009-14. I don't think WDFW should acknowledge that 4% is half of 8% because there is no requirement to share wild impacts on a 50% basis. The non-Indian impact for 2009-14 was 4.6% and the tribal impact was just 2.5%. So if WDFW agrees to 4%, then it is tantamount to agreeing to reduce the non-Indian impacts by 0.6% (-14%) from the average, while the tribes *increase* their fishery impact by 1.5% (+60%). WDFW might consider taking the high road of conservation with 4% - accept that for our fisheries, but request the tribes maintain their impact at the average of 2.5%. Force the tribes to live with the principle that they fought for in the Plan negotiation.

My 2 cents.

As for mid-Hood Canal, I hope WDFW is talking to NMFS about the ocean squeeze. I will not bring it up again given the blasting I got at PFMC 1 for suggesting this was an inside-outside allocation issue. Hasn't anyone thought about requesting some sort of flexibility for MHC given the clear fact that the status of that population will not be remedied by further fishery reductions. Request NMFS set up a post-North of Falcon working group to address this non-conservation issue with a real fix such as introducing a new stock to take the place of the current, non-existent management unit.

Pat

On Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 1:03 PM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW) <Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Pat,

I called and left you a message and hopefully you and I can connect at some point before Wed. Things are not looking very favorable from my perspective. Not having any sort of indication as to what moves the tribes may make or not and not having agreed to co-manager modeling is really making the depth of the conservation problem a complete unknown. Stillaguamish has indicated that they would like to see NT impacts on stilly at 4% on UM and 6% on Marked Stilly. At least it is half! Ron has not agreed that we would land at 6% on Marked, but once again, I'm not sure it is going to matter because of Mid HC. I have attached a tool that Derek came up with that shows different modeling scenarios (Cuts) and what it would take to get to our objectives. The tool takes the middle ocean option and puts Winter troll at 3k. Since Derek developed the tool in a number of different model runs, I do not have exact T and NT splits on impacts, but I think Derek indicated that we were more that 2% higher than the tribes on Mid HC. The tool works by putting X's in "Chosen" column and adjusting as necessary. Our Chum meeting is just starting, so hopefully I will be able to touch base with you later today.

Cheers.

Mark

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Subject: Re: Winter Troll catch history

Mark,

I know you are busy but can I talk with you before you head to Lynnwood?

Pat

On Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 2:32 PM PL Pattillo <pattillopl@gmail.com> wrote:

Mark,

Thanks.

I dredged it out of the TAMMs from the validation runs for 2009-16. Same average

(2108) for that period.

If the average catch was modeled, it would reduce impacts from Chin1119 as follows:

Mid Hood Canal - 0.7%

Stillaguamish - 2.6%

Nooksack Early - 1.5%

Lake Washington/Green/Puyallup - 1.9%

Again working with that middle PFMC option, with realistic modeling of that fishery we would not have a LW/Green/Puyallup problem, we wouldn't have a Nooksack problem and we'd be within one point of solving mid Hood Canal annual challenge.

When will Puget Sound sport fishery inputs be updated to reflect this year's abundances and expected harvest/encounter rates? The PFMC runs show nearly all Puget Sound areas with slightly higher rates using last year's inputs - nearly one full point increase on mid-Hood Canal. With lower south sound hatchery production down as predicted, and as compared to last year, surely the predicted catches will be lower as well. It seems to me that adjustment of those predicted catches/impacts with 2018 seasons would be an important step to take prior to next Wednesday.

It's going to come down to Stillaguamish and the Tribes will want WDFW to reduce to 8% proportionally from this first set of runs. Remember that song - "wipeout". That's where it is headed. Three weeks to go!

If you have time for a chat before next Wednesday, please let me know.

Pat

On Thu, Mar 28, 2019 at 1:45 PM Baltzell, Mark E (DFW)
<Mark.Baltzell@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Pat.

In a nutshell, it doesn't. I'm not sure I can share specific information, but it is something I have looked at. Remember there are rules about us sharing single tribe catch information. I went back to 2009 and looked at all of the winter catches until now. The low yearly catch was

472 and a high of 3780. Average over that time period is 2,109.

Hope that helps.

Mark

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Subject: Winter Troll catch history

Mark,

Would you please point me to who has the catch history for the winter treaty troll fishery? I'd like to understand how that matches up with the 8,500 model number.

Thanks

Pat