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**North of Falcon 2020
Puget Sound Recreational
Discussion – 3/25/2020**



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Outline of Presentation

- **Covid-19 and the North of Falcon Process**
- **Salmon Management Framework**
 - North of Falcon
- **Chinook and Coho Forecasts**
- **Current proposed seasons and modeling**
- **Issues List**
- **Public Comment**

COVID-19 and NOF

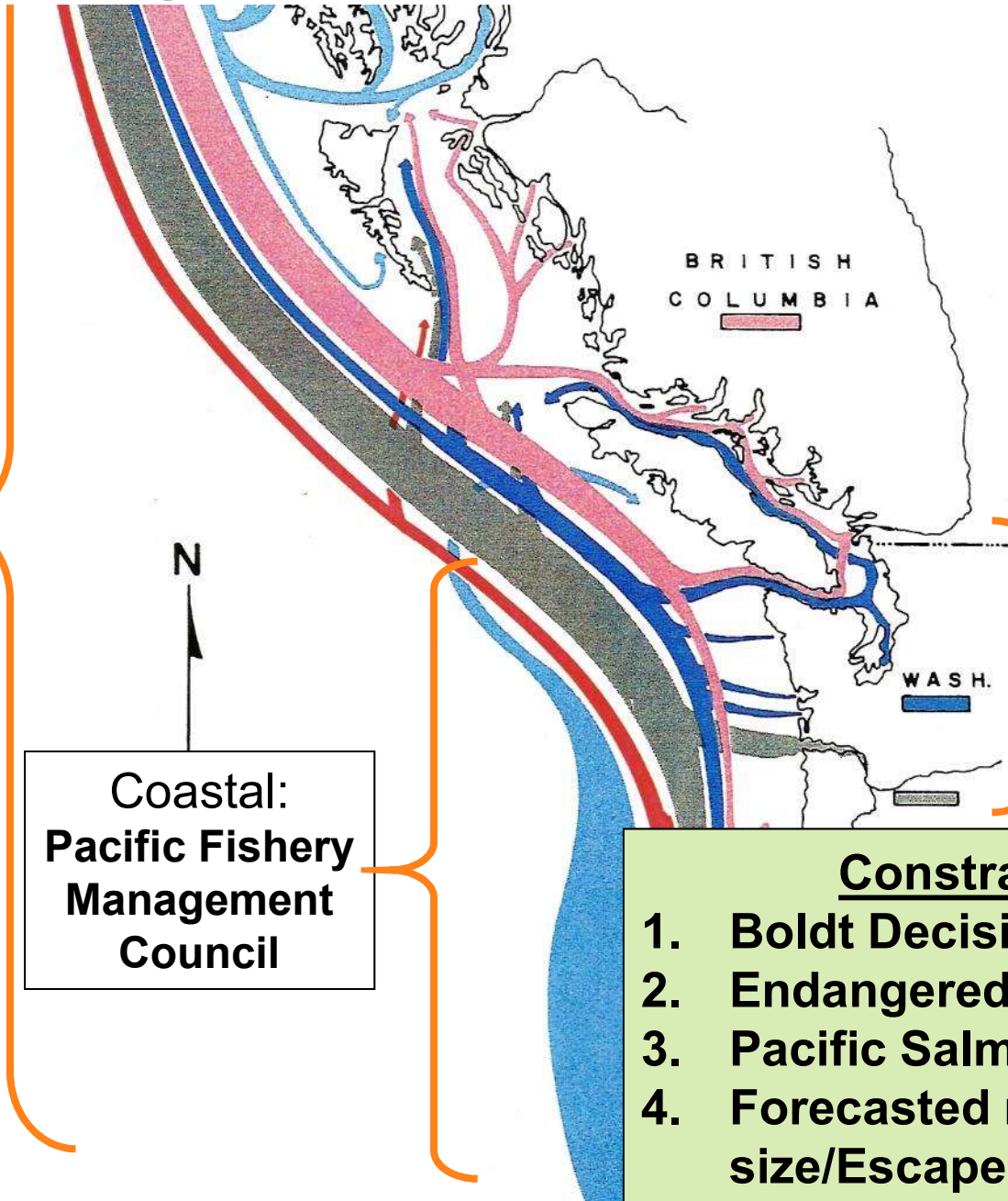
- Primary concern is for the health and safety of our employees and constituents
- All in person public meetings are cancelled and will be replaced with livestream, teleconference, and other digital formats that will ensure processes continue and information is disseminated.
- The final PFMC meeting scheduled for early April in Vancouver has been moved to a digital only format. Specific information can be found at <https://www.pcouncil.org/>
- Check the WDFW often for all related materials, recordings of meetings, public comment sections.
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon>

Management Framework

Coast wide:
**Pacific
Salmon
Commission**

Coastal:
**Pacific Fishery
Management
Council**

Inside:
**WDFW,
ODFW,
Tribes**



Constraints

1. **Boldt Decision**
2. **Endangered Species Act**
3. **Pacific Salmon Treaty**
4. **Forecasted run size/Escapement Goals**

North of Falcon Process

**1. FORECAST THE
ABUNDANCE OF EACH
STOCK.**

**2. DETERMINE IF THERE IS A
HARVESTABLE SURPLUS.**

3. PROPOSE FISHERIES.

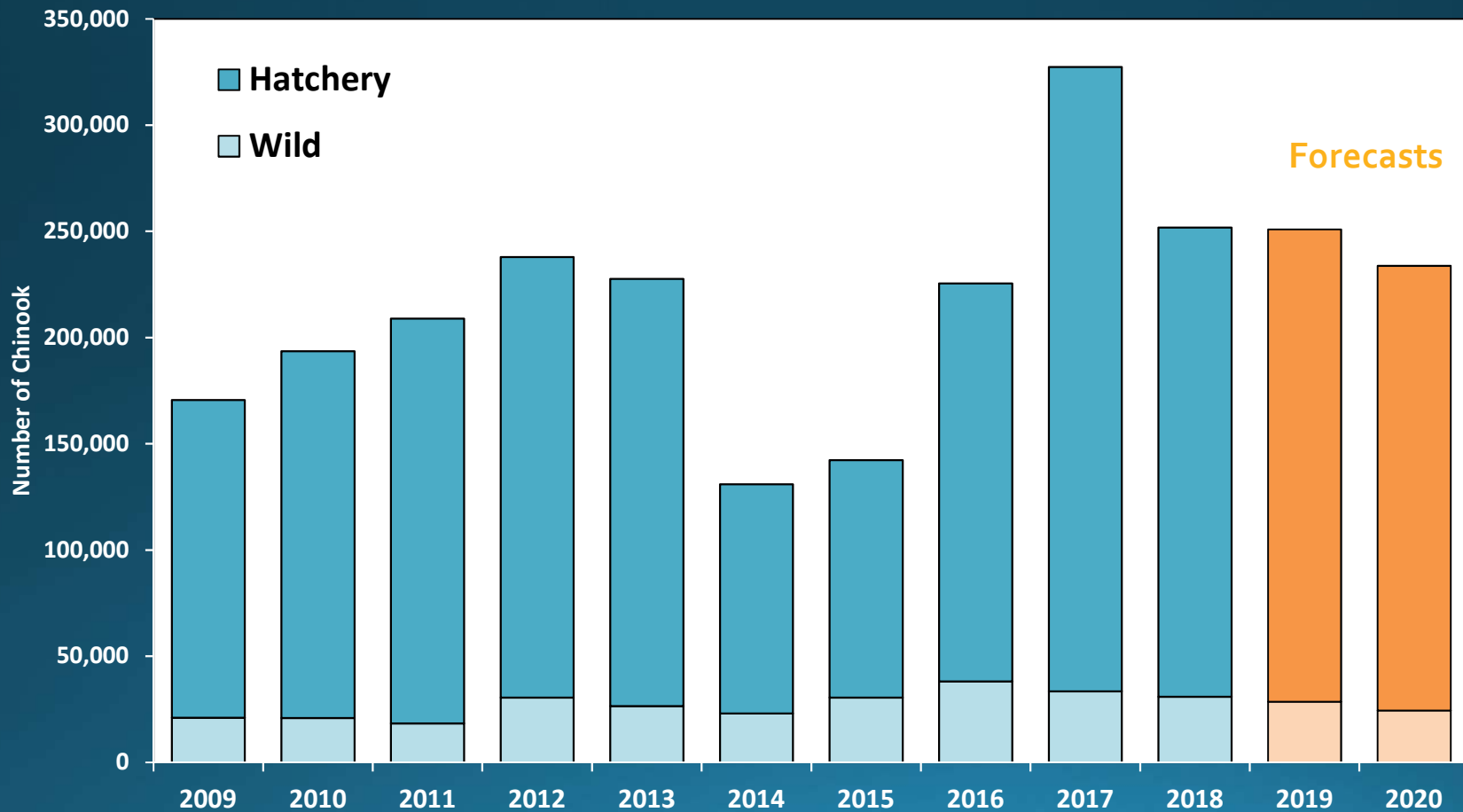
**4. MODEL FISHERIES TO
DETERMINE WHICH STOCKS
ARE OF CONSERVATION
CONCERN, CONSTRAINING
FISHERIES.**

**5. NEGOTIATE WITH TRIBES
AND OTHER STATES FOR
FAIR SHARING OF CATCH
AND IMPACTS ON STOCKS
THAT ARE CONSTRAINING.**

**6. FINAL AGREED-TO STATE
AND TRIBAL SALMON
FISHERIES (OCEAN, PUGET
SOUND) ARE DESCRIBED IN
THE "LIST OF AGREED
FISHERIES" DOCUMENT.**

Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Summary

- Hatchery stocks **↑ 14%** from recent 10 year avg
- Wild stocks **↓ 6%** from recent 10 year avg



Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Comparisons

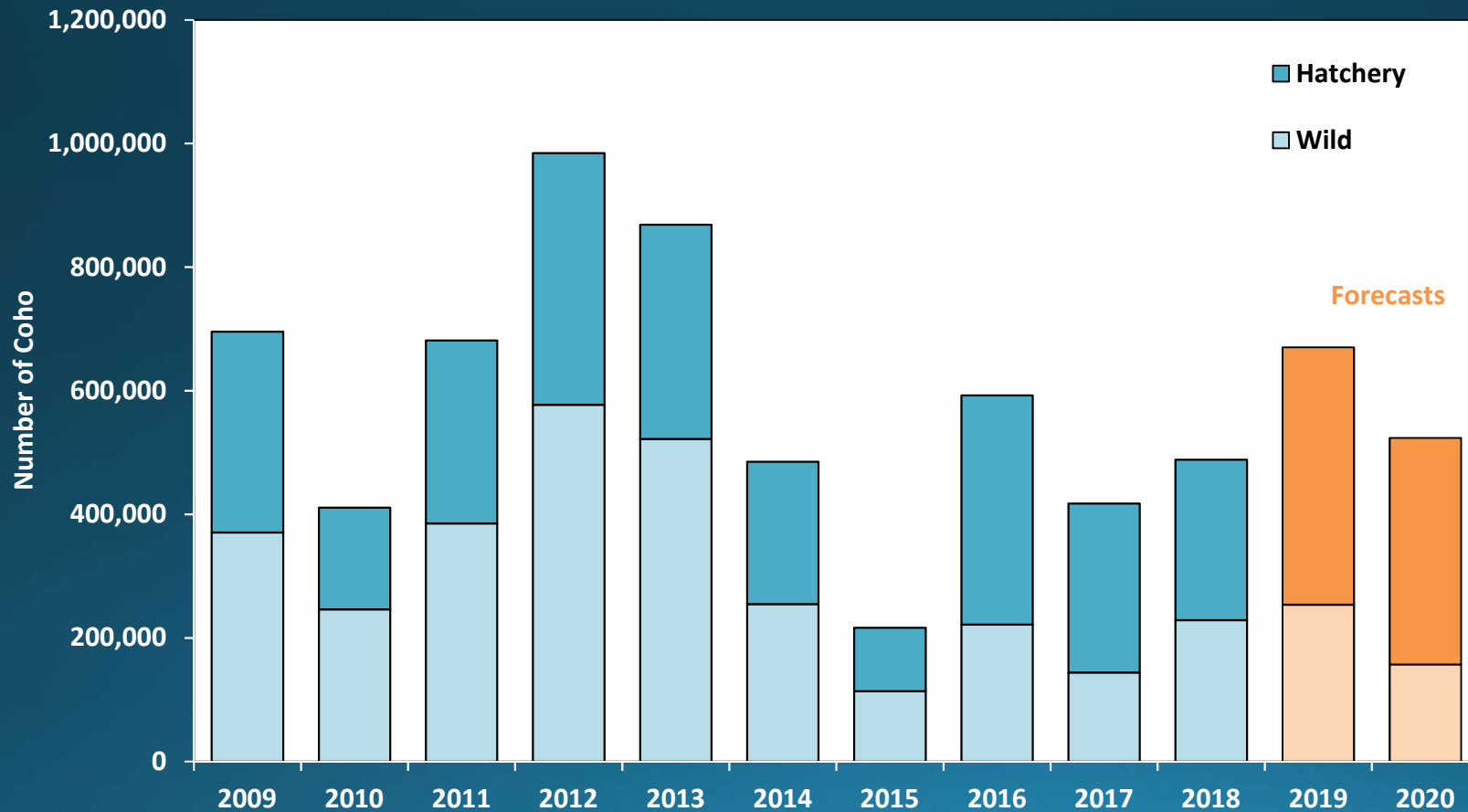
<u>Basin</u>	<u>Wild</u>		
	2019	2020	Comparison
Hoko	1,438	1,411	0.98
Dungeness	282	288	1.02
Elwha	333	187	0.56
Nooksack springs	248	404	1.63
Skagit springs	2,003	1,605	0.80
Skagit summer/falls	13,825	12,877	0.93
Stillaguamish	354	359	1.01
Snohomish	3,222	2,978	0.92
Lake Washington	1,063	807	0.76
Green	4,833	2,396	0.50
Puyallup	1,724	1,674	0.97
White River springs	573	493	1.16
Nisqually	840	921	1.09
Skokomish	520	503	1.14
Mid Hood Canal	285	39	0.14
Total (others included)	32,947	28,909	0.87

Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Comparisons

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>		
	2019	2020	Comparison
Hoko	1,233	829	0.67
Dungeness	657	503	0.77
Elwha	7,066	3,973	0.56
Nooksack springs	6,820	6,119	0.90
Skagit springs	4,113	4,093	0.99
Skagit summer/falls	309	469	1.52
Stillaguamish	566	542	0.96
Snohomish	7,225	6,754	0.96
Lake Washington	4,266	3,787	0.89
Green	21,498	23,420	1.09
Puyallup	13,007	11,465	0.88
White River springs	2,050	1,537	0.75
Nisqually	20,581	16,934	0.82
Skokomish	37,160	37,876	1.02
Total (others included)	235,457	221,081	0.94

Puget Sound Coho Forecast Summary

- Hatchery stocks **↑ 32%** from recent 10 year avg.
- Wild stocks **↓ 48%** from recent 10 year avg.



Puget Sound Coho Forecast Comparisons

Basin	Natural		
	2019	2020	Comparison
Dungeness	2,821	955	0.34
Elwha	1,363	2,184	1.60
other Strait	8,800	9,269	1.05
Nooksack/Samish	23,165	15,088	0.65
Skagit	57,933	29,492	0.51
Stillaguamish	23,820	19,462	0.81
Snohomish	62,600	39,020	0.62
Lake Washington	2,770	668	0.24
Green	3,001	1,361	0.45
Puyallup	988	949	0.96
Nisqually	824	981	1.20
Deschutes	574	27	0.05
Skokomish	11,015	2,105	0.19
Other Hood Canal	29,925	33,356	1.11
Total (others included)	293,980	157,214	0.53

Puget Sound Coho Forecast Comparisons

Basin	Hatchery		
	2019	2020	Comparison
Dungeness	9,760	15,954	1.63
Elwha	3,433	1,525	0.44
Nooksack/Samish	59,790	42,479	0.71
Skagit	9,917	19,644	1.98
Stillaguamish	2,234	2,287	1.02
Snohomish	7,709	5,866	0.76
Lake Washington	10,790	7,869	0.73
Green	68,680	68,002	0.99
Puyallup	32,221	25,485	0.79
Nisqually	10,298	7,737	0.75
SS Hatchery	40,582	44,644	1.10
Skokomish	20,510	22,516	1.10
Other Hood Canal	66,020	48,793	0.74
Total (others included)	416,319	366,284	0.88

2020 Proposed ocean salmon fishery Non-treaty alternatives from March Pacific Fisheries Management Council March meeting

Chinook NT TAC

Alt. 1 (high)	Alt. 2 (mid)	Alt. 3 (low)
60,000	45,000	Closed

Coho NT TAC

Alt. 1 (high)	Alt. 2 (mid)	Alt. 3 (low)
30,000	25,000	Closed

Initial 2020/21 Puget Sound Chinook Fishery Proposal

Puget Sound Recreational Chinook Seasons 2020-2021 Modeling Proposal

Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
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NR Non-Retention

Black Closed

Blue = Added opportunity from 2019-20

Red = Reduced opportunity from 2019-20

Initial 2020/21 Puget Sound Coho Fishery Proposal

Reduced seasons proposed for Marine Areas 8-1 and 8-2 to address low Snohomish and Skagit Natural coho returns.

Puget Sound Recreational Coho Seasons - 2020-21 - Proposal 3-18-2020																						
Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr										
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NR Non-Retention **NS** Non-Sel **M** Mark-Selective Closed

Current Chinook Modeling Puget Sound

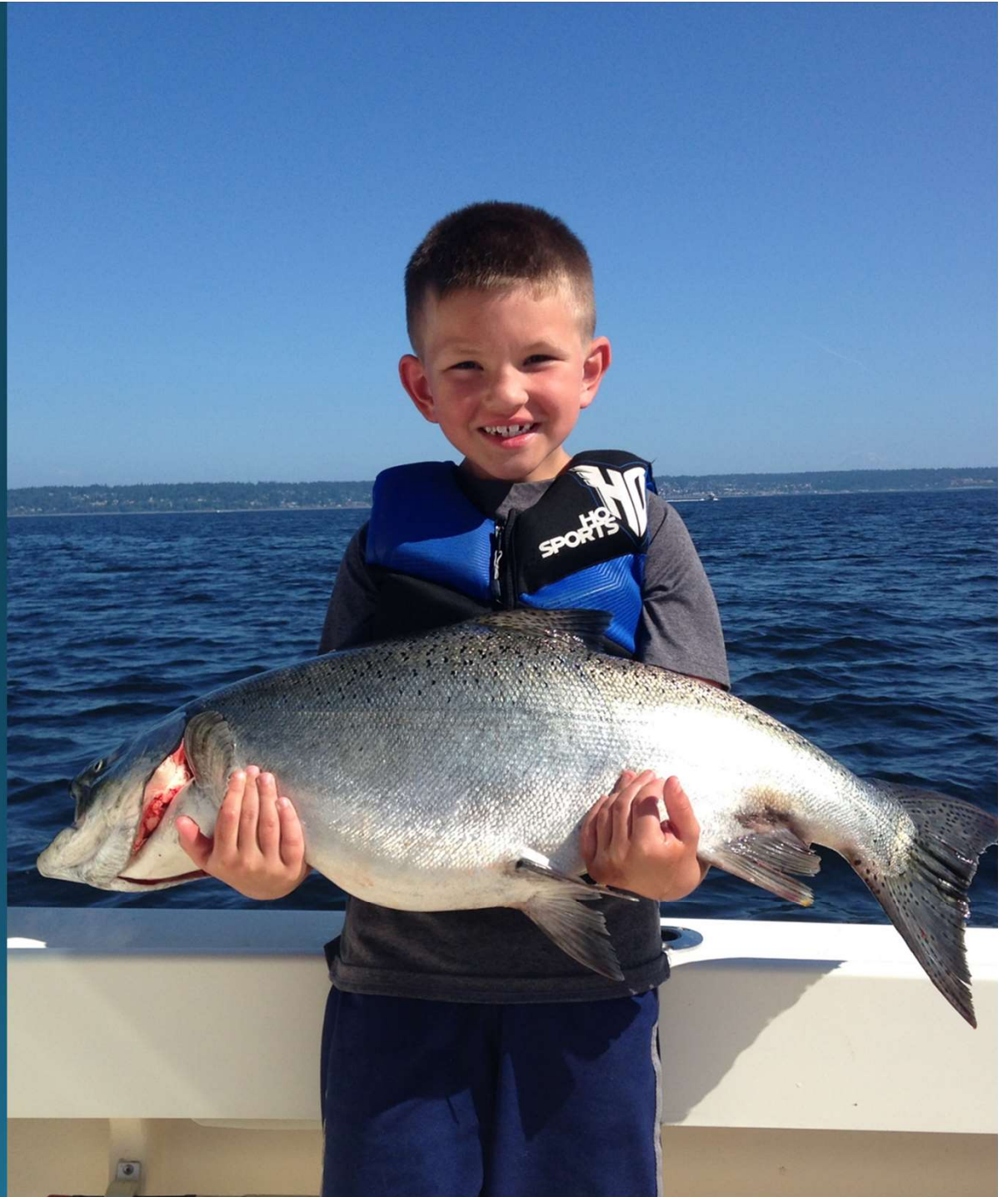
Management Unit	Management objective	Initial 2020 proposal (High Ocean Option)
Nooksack Spring	10.5% SUS ER	12.0%
Skagit Summer/Fall	48% Total ER	38.8%
Skagit Spring-run	10.3% SUS ER	20.7%
Stillaguamish River	22% Total / 8% UM; 12% M SUS max	21.6%/11.3% UM/19.2% M
Snohomish River	19% Total /8% SUS	22.3% Total/9.9% SUS
Lake Washington	13% PT SUS	12.9%
Green River	13% PT SUS	12.9%
White River Spring-run	22% SUS	16.9%
Puyallup	13% PT SUS	12.9%
Nisqually	47% Total	51.9%
Skokomish fall-run	50% total	50.4%
Mid Hood Canal	TBD PT SUS	14.7%
Dungeness	10% SUS	5.3%
Elwha	10% SUS	5.5%

Current Coho Modeling (Initial 2020 fishery proposal)

Management Unit	ER CEILING	High ocean option	Mid ocean option	Low ocean option
SKAGIT	35%	36.0%	35.3%	34.3%
STILLY	35%	36.4%	35.8%	35.1%
SNOHOMISH	10% SUS	22.8%	22.2%	21.4%
SNOHOMISH ESC	50,000	29,174	29,409	29,699
HOOD CANAL	45%	46.9%	46.2%	45.4%
JUAN DE FUCA TRIBS	10% SUS	7.6%	6.7%	5.6%
Lower Fraser (Thompson)	10% SUS	8.7%	7.6%	6.4%

Recreational Fishing Issues

- Obstacles due to COVID-19
- Timely agreement
- Stillaguamish and Mid-HC Chinook
- Low forecasted Coho returns
- Southern Resident Killer Whales



Public Comment

On-line commenting – March-April

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon/public-input>

Puget Sound Sport Fishing Advisory Group

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/pssfag/>

March 31 – North of Falcon #2 (live stream/web meeting)

April 05-10 – PFMC #2 (web meeting)