2021 North of Falcon Forecast Meeting

Link to join meeting via Zoom: https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings

February 25, 2021 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Washington Department of FISH and WILDLIFE

Presentation Overview

- Staff Introductions & Meeting Purpose
- North of Falcon Process
- Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Process
- 2021 Forecasts and Management Objectives
  - > Willapa Bay
  - > Grays Harbor
- 2021 North Coast Salmon Forecasts

Staff Introductions

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Region 6 Fish Program Manager

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Grays Harbor District Biologist

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Region 6 Hatchery Reform/Operations Manager

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Willapa Bay District Biologist

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Grays Harbor Area Biologist

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Grays Harbor Area Biologist

Barbara McClellan
Willapa Bay Area Biologist

Lyle Jennings
Willapa Bay Area Biologist

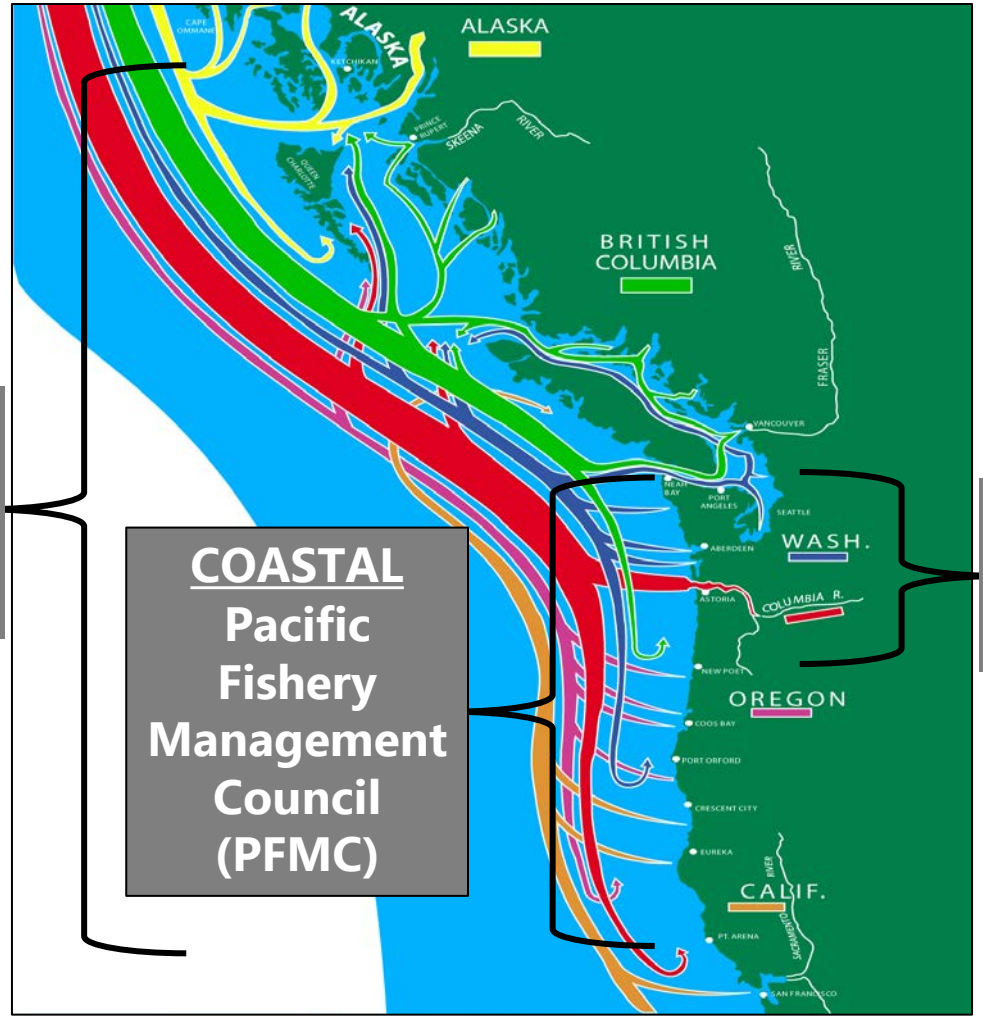
Meeting Purpose

- Prepare for 2021 North of Falcon Process
- Provide information needed to engage with meaningful input
- Answer questions about the information and data
- Solicit public for 2021 fishery suggestions

North of Falcon Process

North of Falcon Management Process

INTERNATIONAL
Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC)



COASTAL
Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)

INSIDE WATERS
WDFW, ODFW, Tribes (NOF)

North of Falcon Process

- Forecast the abundance of each stock
- Determine if there is a harvestable surplus
- Model fisheries to determine which stocks are the constraints
- Predict what we will catch
- Negotiate with Tribes (if necessary) and other states for sharing of catch and stocks that are constraints

2021 North of Falcon Public Meeting Schedule

All 2021 meetings will be held virtually

We are here

DATE	EVENT
Feb. 25	**Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor Forecast Meeting**
	6 to 8PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
Feb 26	**2021 Salmon Forecasts and Fishing Opportunities**
	9AM to 3PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
March 2-5 & 8-11	**Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting**
	View Meeting Agenda
March 16	**First North of Falcon Meeting**
	9AM to 3PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
March 17	**North of Falcon: Willapa Bay Fisheries Discussion**
	6 to 8PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
March 23	**PFMC Ocean Management Public Hearing**
	7PM PST. (Link not yet posted)

2021 Regional Public Meeting Schedule

All 2021 meetings will be held virtually

DATE	EVENT
March 24	**North of Falcon: Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion**
	6 to 8PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
March 31	**Second North of Falcon Meeting**
	9AM to 3PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
April 5	**North of Falcon: Willapa Bay Fisheries Discussion**
	6 to 8PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
April 6	**North of Falcon: Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion**
	6 to 8PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
April 6-9 & 12-15	**Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting**
	Meeting Agenda

Entire Schedule and links to individual meetings can be found here:
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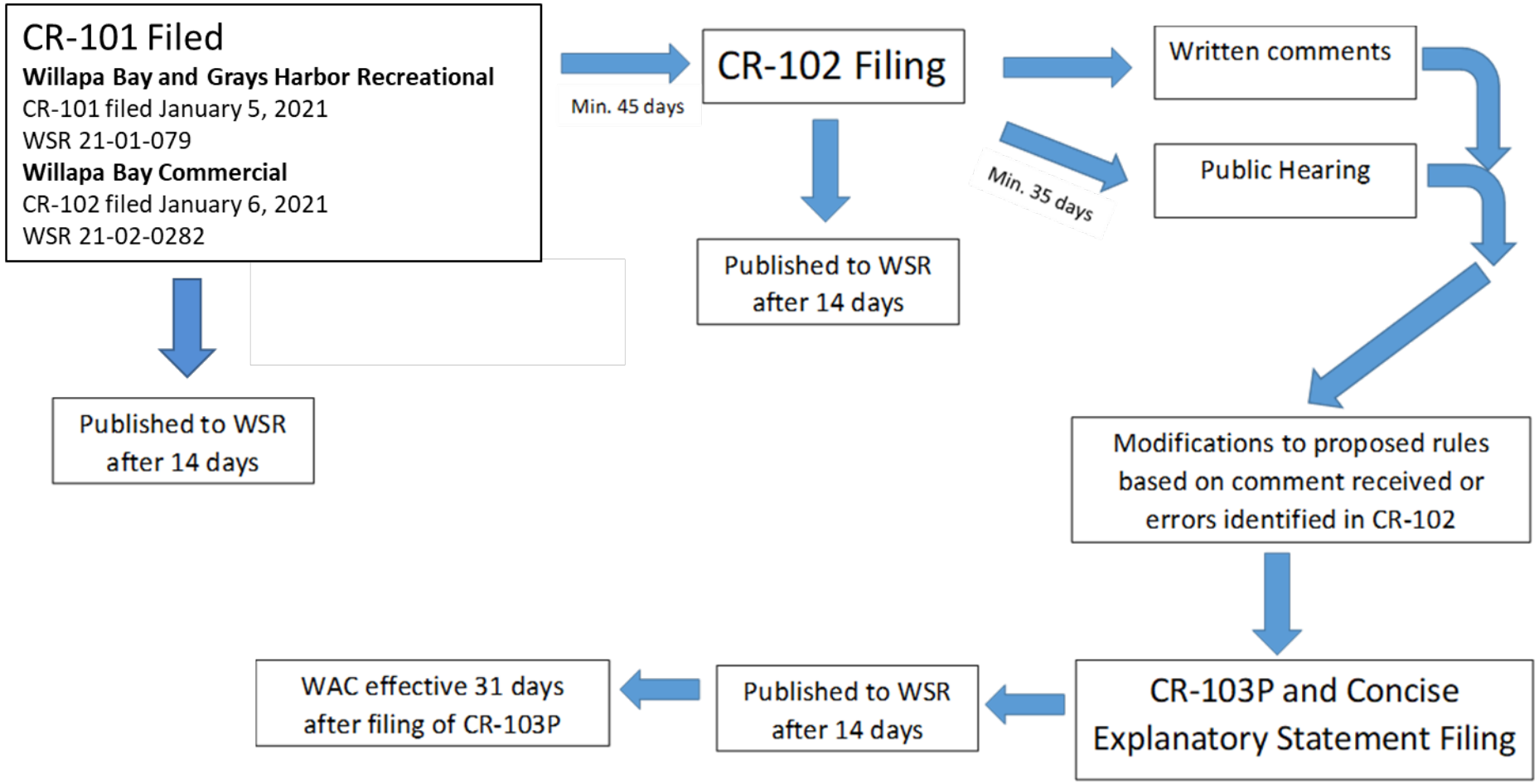
2021 Fishery Rule-making

Administrative Procedures Act Process



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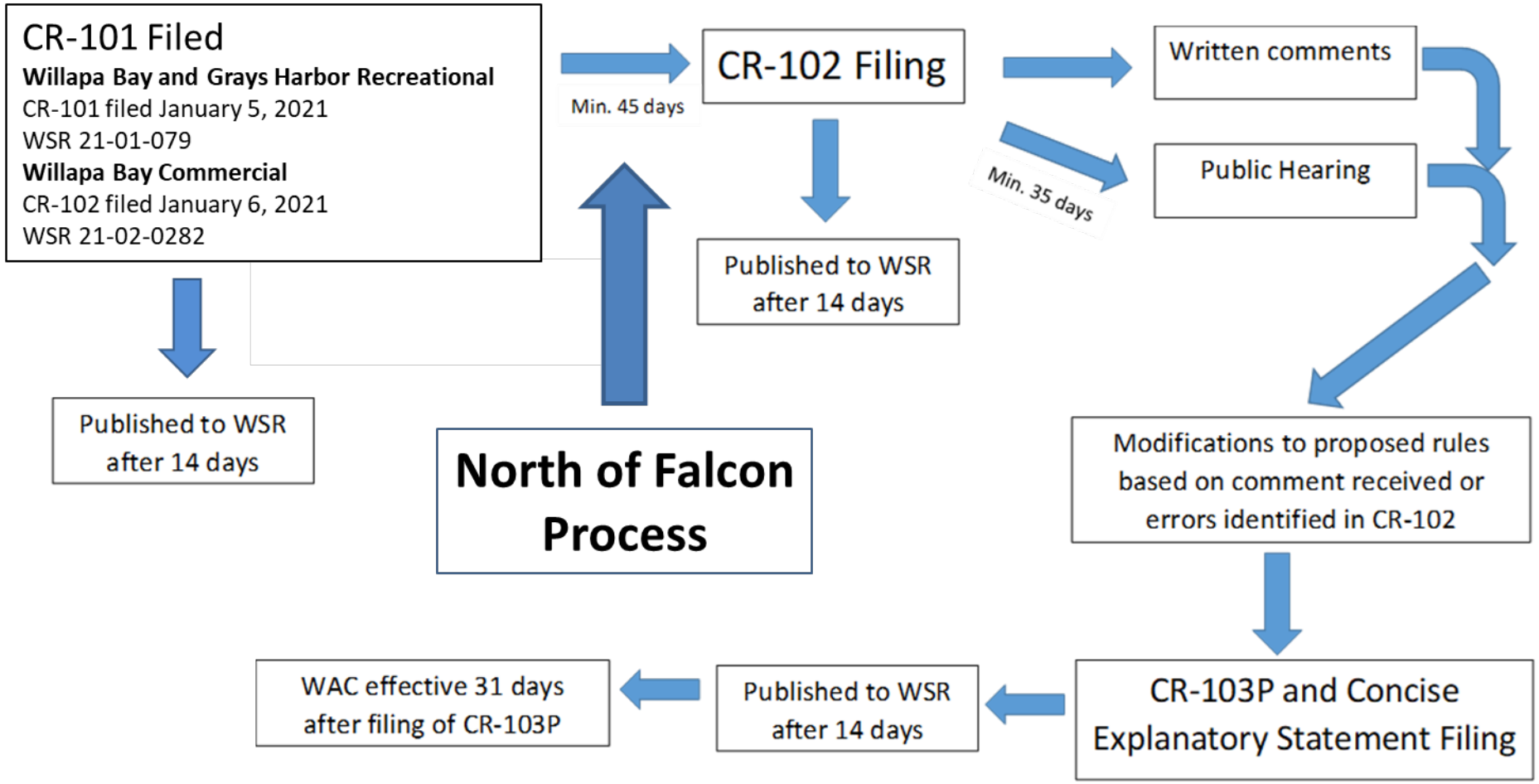


2021 Forecasts

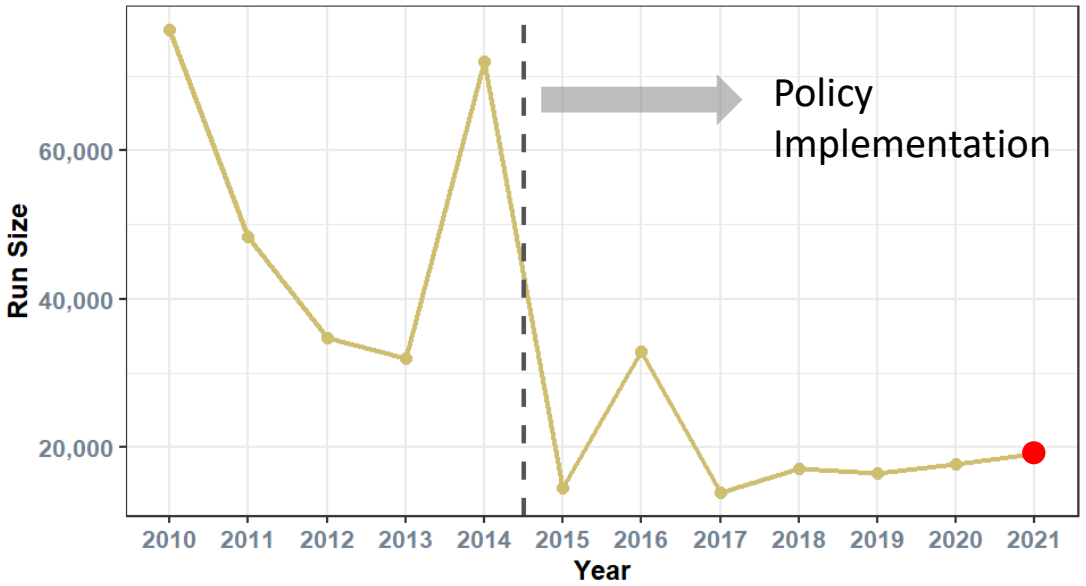
2021 Willapa Bay Forecasts

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Chinook	3,924	30,470	34,394
Coho *Ocean Age 3 Forecasts*	19,040	61,614	80,654
Chum	38,013	1,064	39,077

Escapement Goals: Natural origin Chinook: 4,350,
Natural origin Coho: 13,600 WDFW; 17,200 PFMC, Total Chum: 35,400

Recent Willapa Bay Trends

Coho



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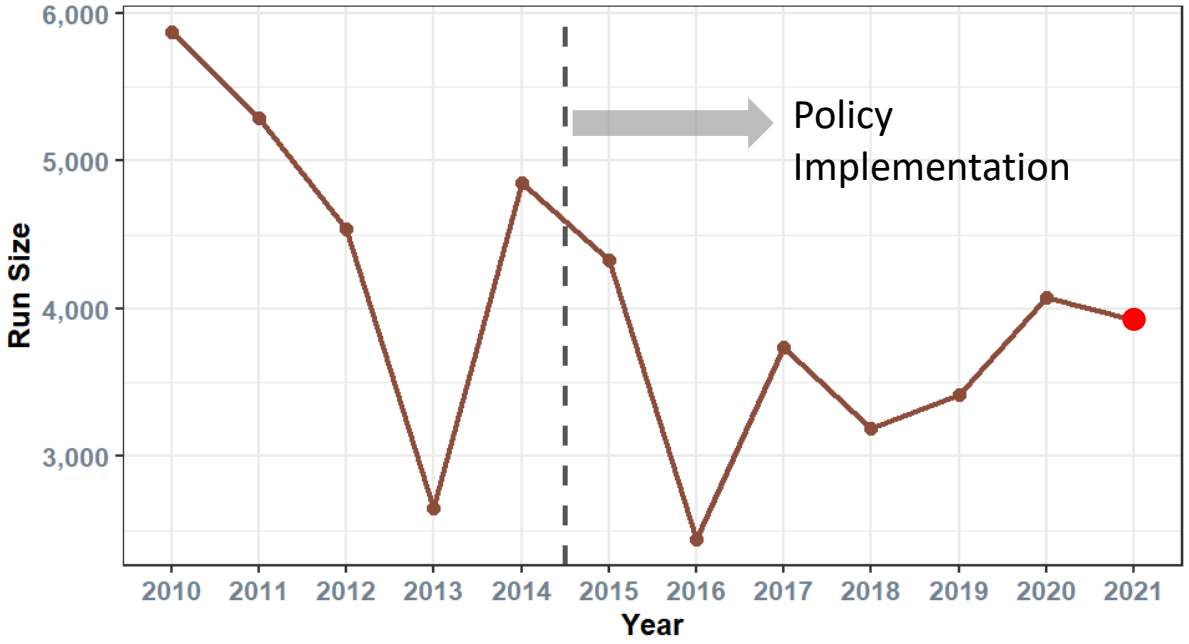

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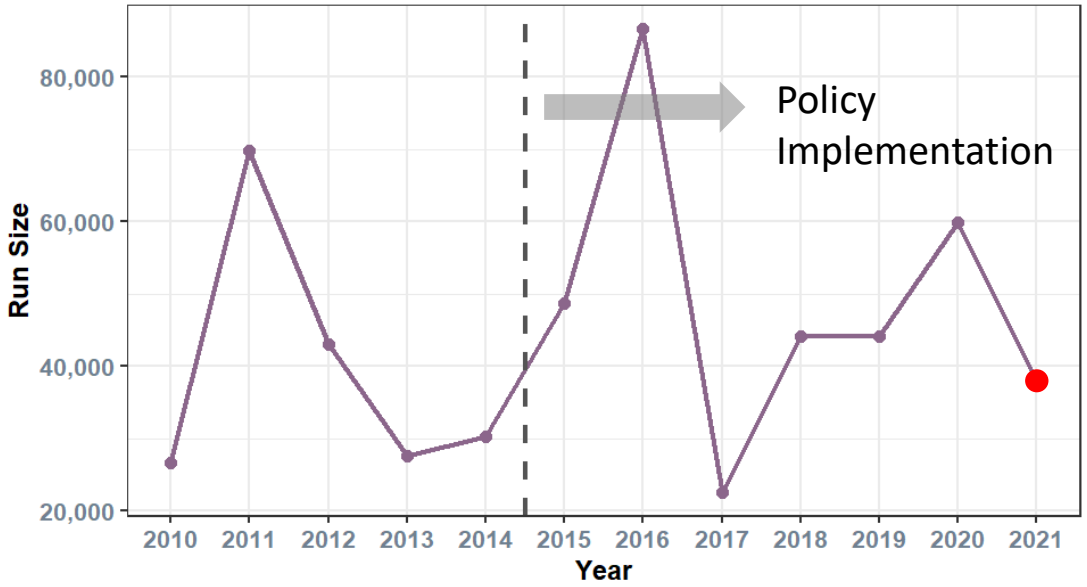


2021 Grays Harbor Forecasts

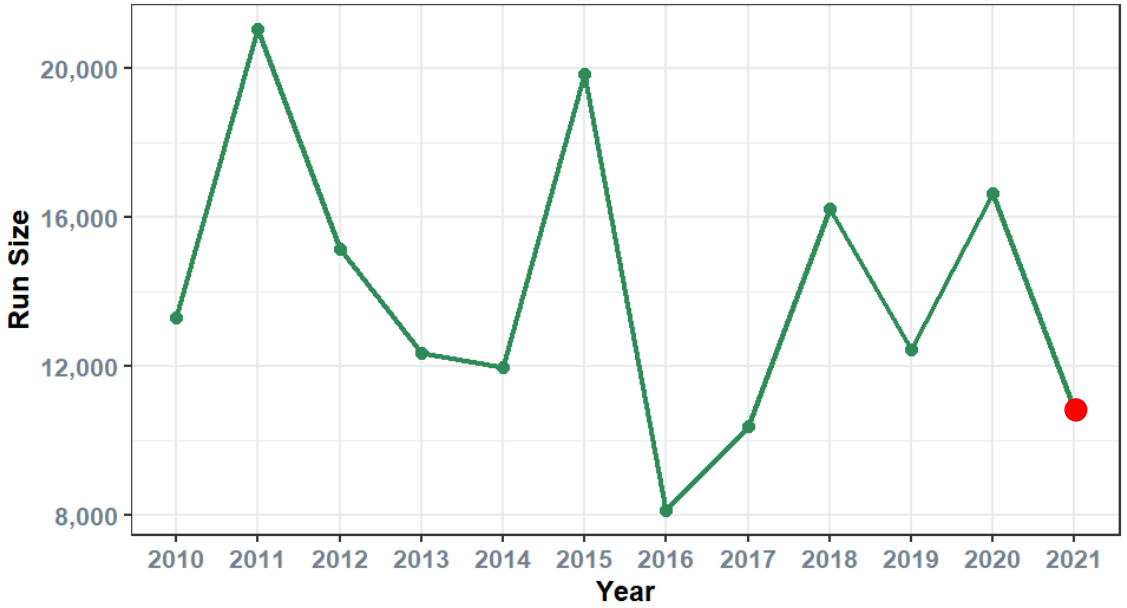
Chehalis Basin

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Spring Chinook	1,082	0	1,082
Fall Chinook	10,852	1,862	12,714
Coho (incl. South Bay)	42,324	23,801	66,125

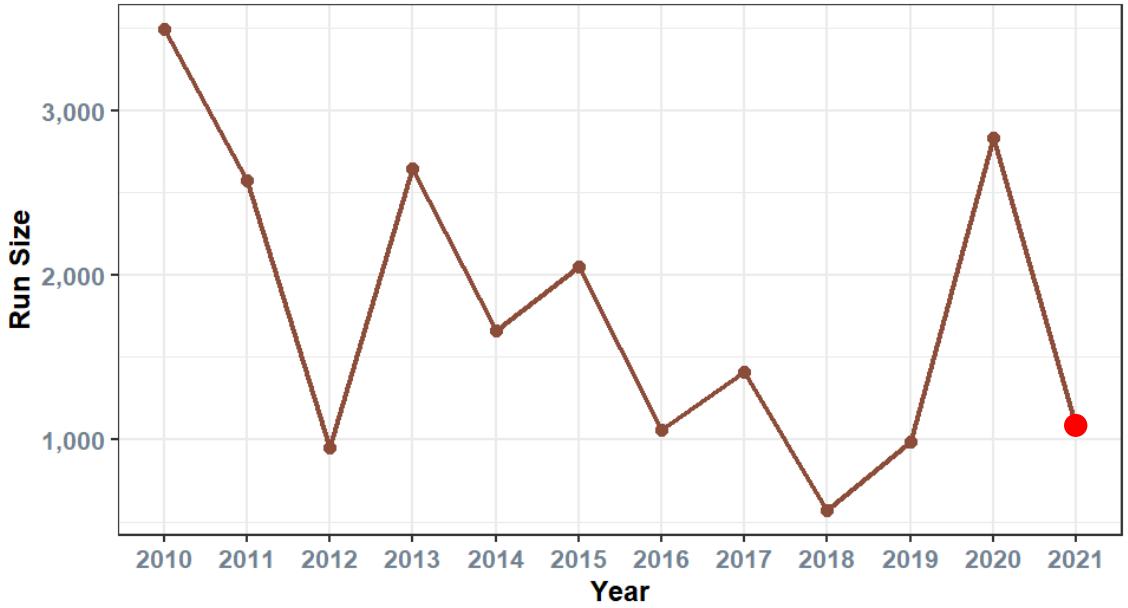
Recent Grays Harbor Trends

Chehalis Basin

Fall Chinook



Spring Chinook



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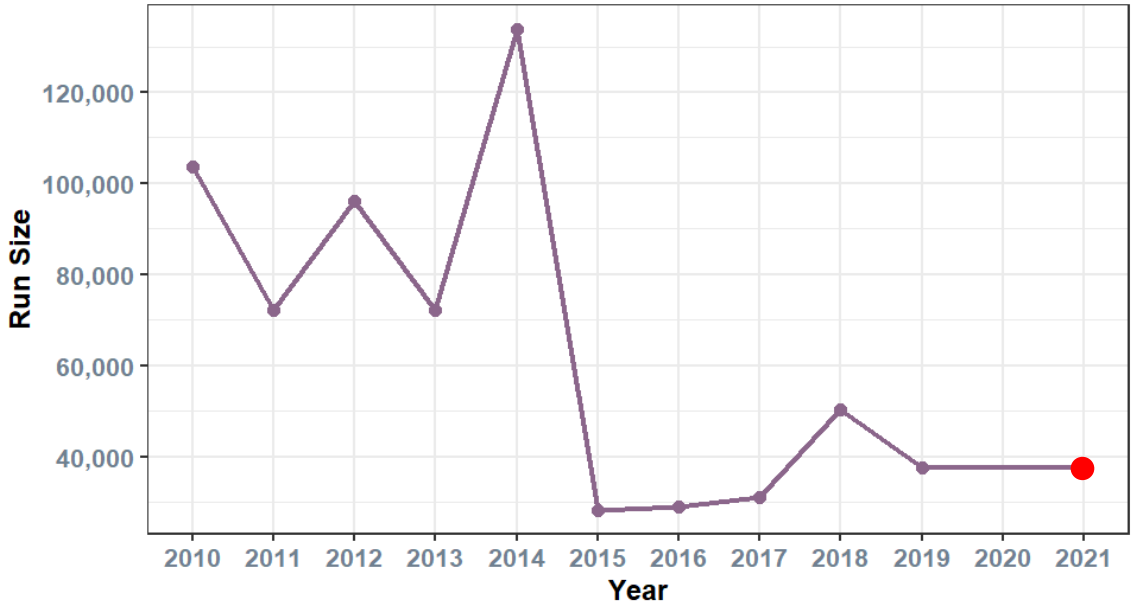


2021 Grays Harbor Forecasts

Humptulips Basin

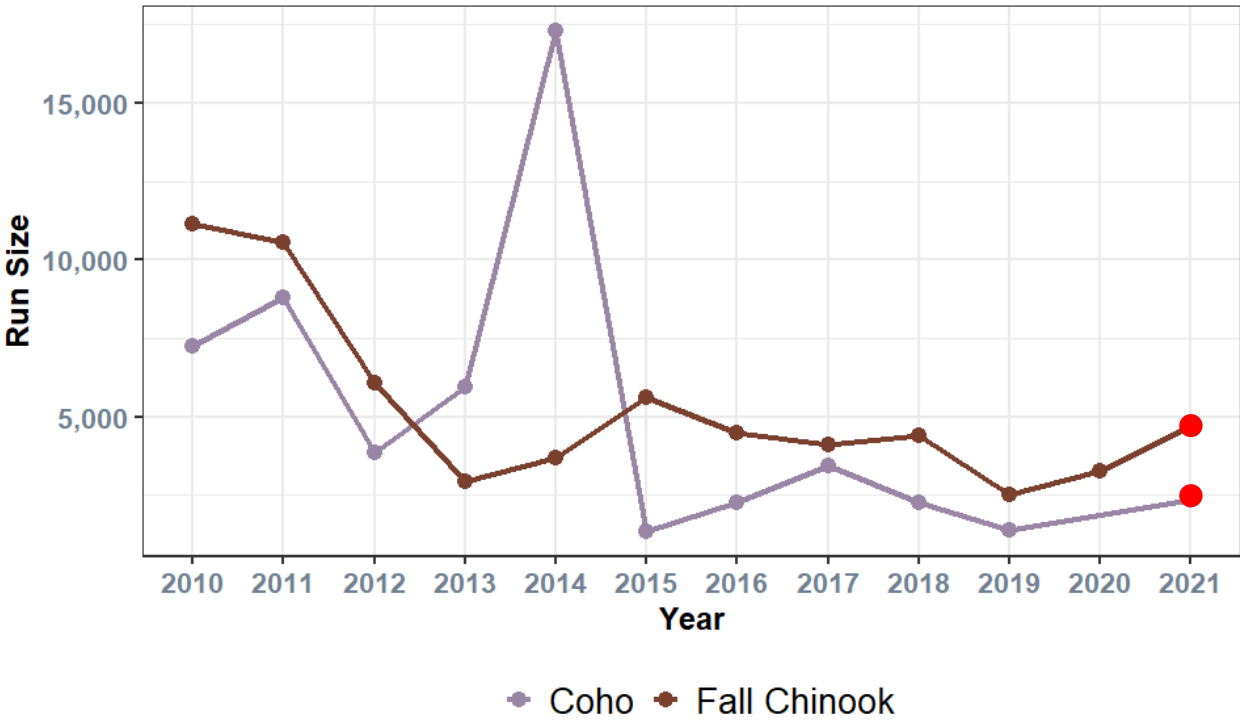
Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Fall Chinook	4,668	5,696	10,364
Coho *Ocean Age 3 Forecasts*	2,519	7,874	10,394

Grays Harbor

Chum	40,138	2,110	42,248

Recent Grays Harbor Trends

Humptulips Basin



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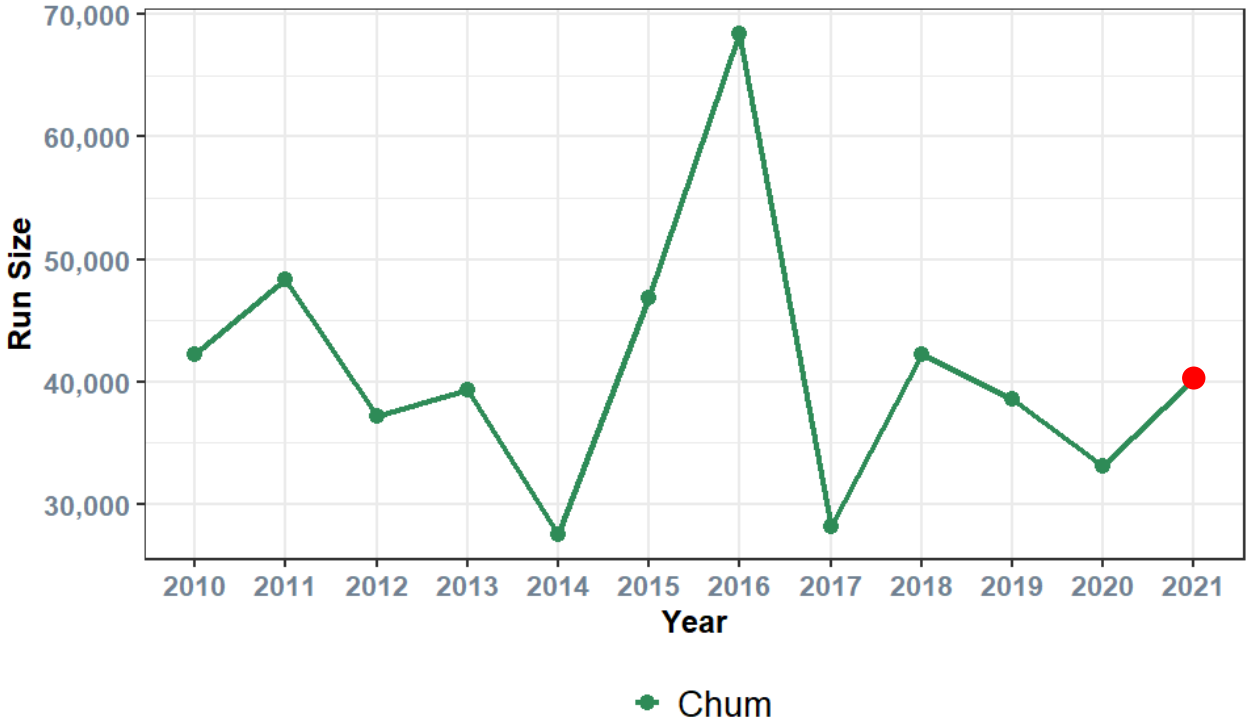

2021 North Coast Coho Forecasts

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Quinault River *Ocean Age 3 Forecasts*	15,005	24,645	39,650
Queets River *Ocean Age 3 Forecasts*	3,919	11,780	15,699

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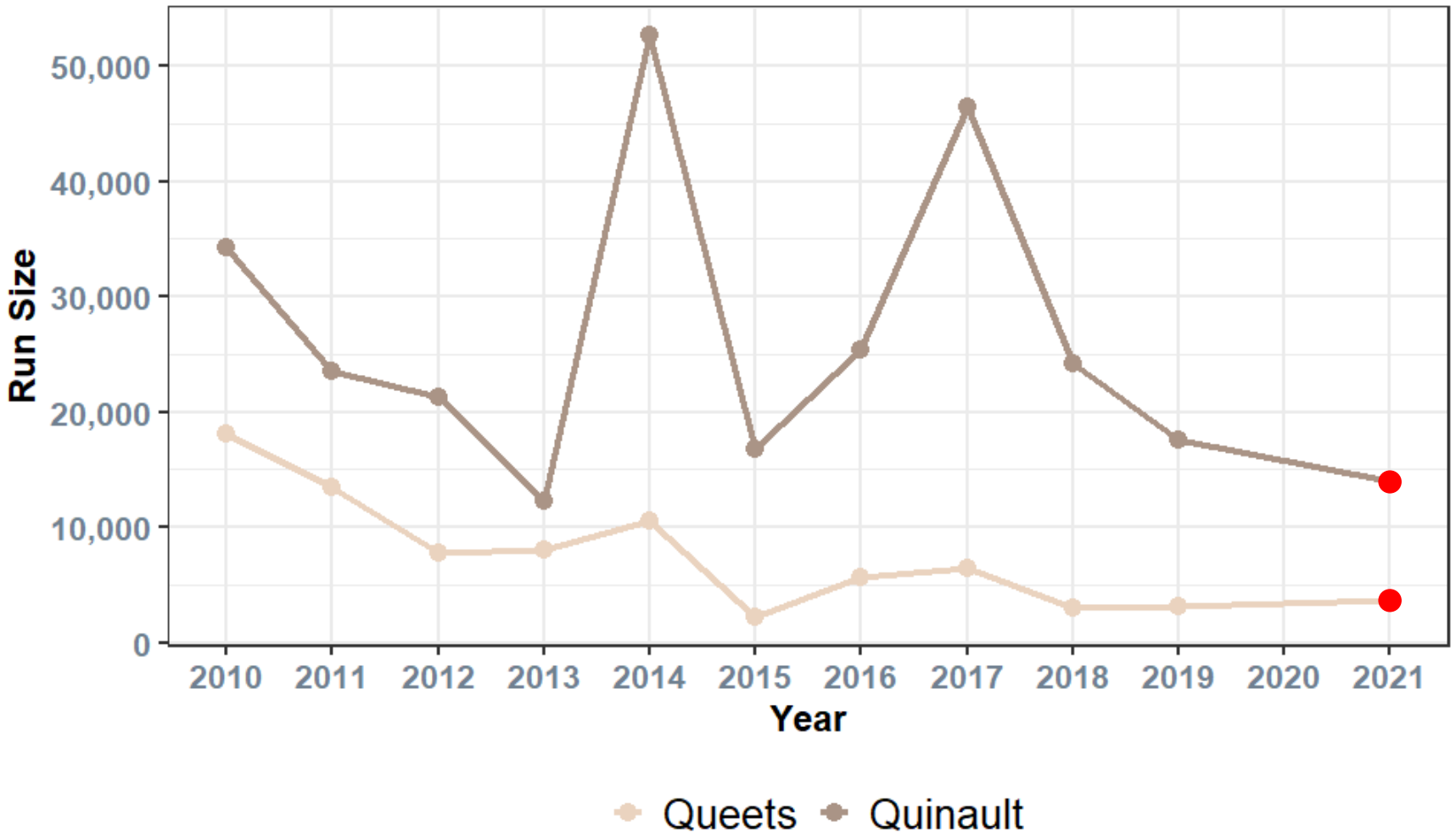

2021 Management Objectives

Grays Harbor

- No Chehalis spring Chinook fishery
- Humptulips Coho – 5% impact rate cap
- Chehalis Coho – missed goal 3 of the last 5 year -
  - 5% impact rate cap
  - PST limitations similar to 2018
- All other stocks managed for escapement goals

Willapa Bay

- Chinook- 14 % rate cap*
- Chum – Escapement goal
- Coho – Escapement goal

** Fish & Wildlife Commission has modified over the last 3 years.*

Questions?

Photo taken by Barbara McClellan

Photo taken by Barbara McClellan at Forks Creek Hatchery

Link to submit NOF related Public Comments electronically:
https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon

Email addresses to submit harbor specific fishery suggestions or comments:
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