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# 2021 North of Falcon Public Meeting
# Willapa Bay

Link to join meeting via Zoom:

https://wdfw.wa.gov/get-involved/calendar/event/north-falcon-willapa-bay-fisheries-discussion-0

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# North of Falcon Process

1) Forecast the abundance of each stock

2) Determine if there is a harvestable surplus

We are here

3) Model fisheries to determine which stocks are the constraints

4) Predict what we will catch

5) Depending on the area, negotiate with treaty tribes and other states

# 2021 North of Falcon Public Meeting Schedule

## All 2021 meetings are being held virtually

We are here

| 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:
https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings

# 2021 PFMC Ocean Alternatives

## 2021 Proposed ocean salmon fishery options for Chinook and Coho from March PFMC meeting

| | Chinook TAC Options | | | Coho TAC Options | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fishery or Quota Designation** | Alt. I – High Option | Alt. II – Mid Option | Alt. III – Low Option | Alt. I – High Option | Alt. II – Mid Option | Alt. III – Low Option |
| **NT Commercial Troll (Coho MSF)** | 32,000 | 25,000 | 0 | 4,800 | 14,400 | 0 |
| **Recreational (Coho MSF)** | 28,000 | 25,000 | 0 | 75,200 | 95,600 | 0 |
| **NT Total** | 60,000 | 50,000 | 0 | 80,000 | 110,000 (90K + 20K) | 0 |

*TAC = Total Allowable Catch; NT = Non-treaty; MSF = Mark Selective Fishery*

# 2021 Management Objectives: Chinook

Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted interim guidance on March 12, 2021 for Willapa Bay. The Department is directed to:

- Actively manage not to exceed 20% natural origin Chinook impact rate (Naselle and Willapa rivers)
- Suspend time and area restrictions for commercial fisheries south of commercial area 2T
- Determine daily limits for recreational fisheries
  - » Daily limits for Chinook and Coho
  - » Season length to achieve recreational priority for Chinook
- Continue the development and implementation of test fisheries and in-season update models

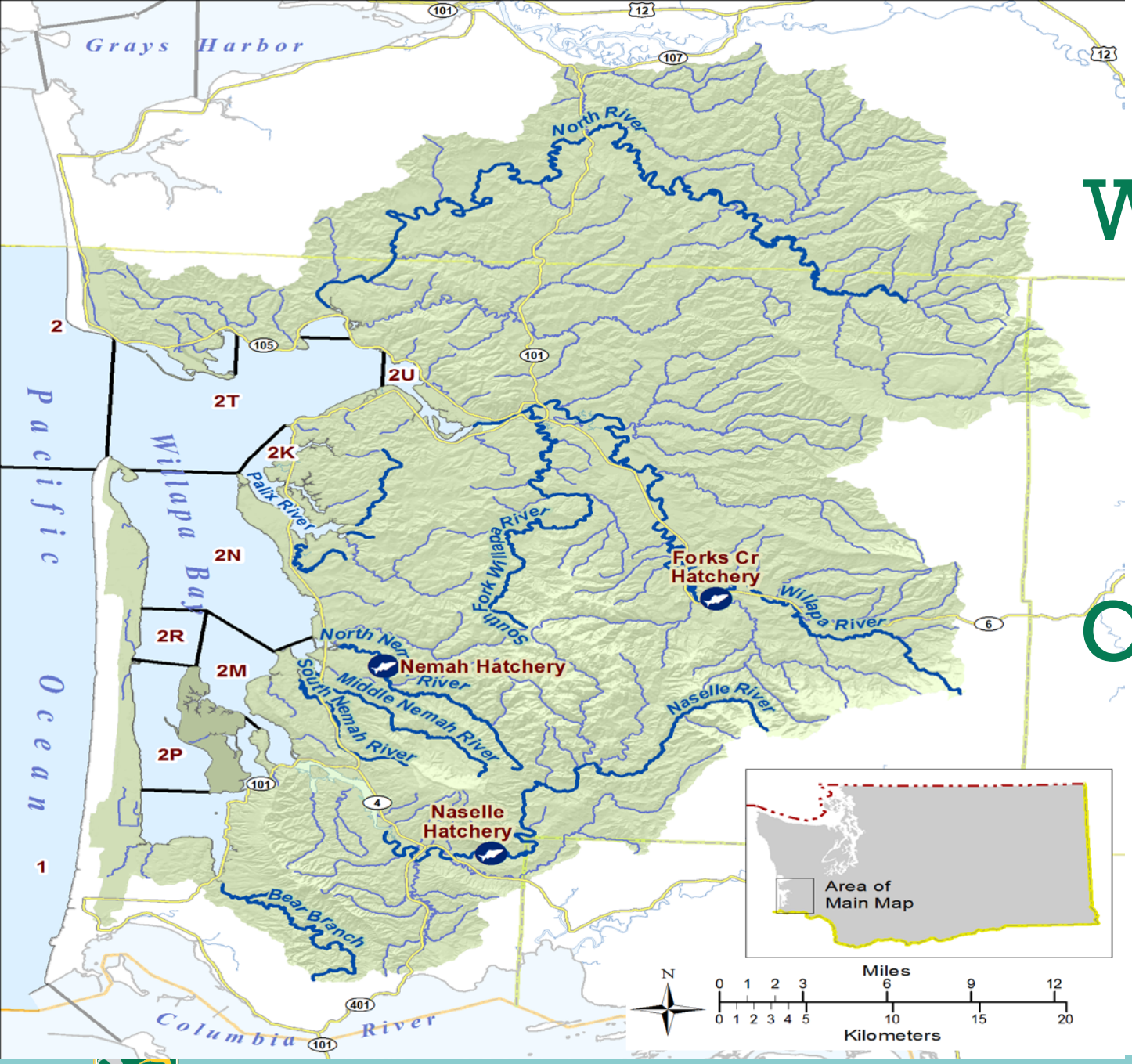
# 2021 Management Objectives: Coho & Chum

## Coho Guidance

- Achieve aggregate spawner goal for natural-origin Coho
- Prioritize commercial fishing opportunities
  - September 16 through October 14
- Provide recreational fishing opportunities

## Chum Guidance

- Achieve aggregate spawner goal for naturally spawning Chum
- Provide commercial fishing opportunities
- Provide recreational fishing opportunities




# Willapa Bay Fisheries

## Marine Areas 2-1 Commercial Fisheries[1] Freshwater

[1]Commercial areas 2P and 2K are not included on any model proposals

# WB Fishery proposals: Model A

**New Abundances with last year's fisheries** (NALF Run)

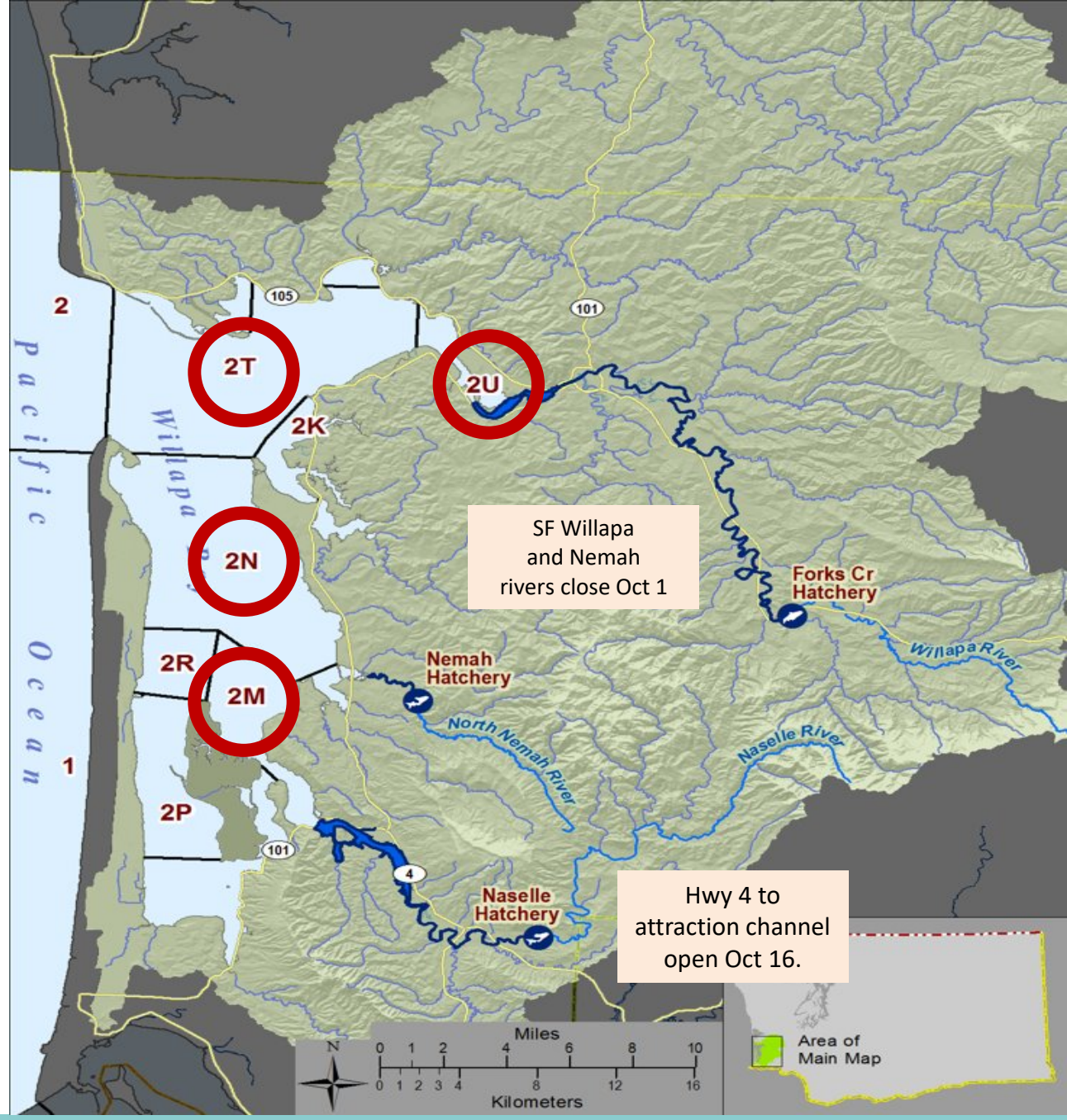
**Model A:** : Meets all management objectives (shared 3/17)

**Commercial:**

- 11 days of commercial fishing,
- Tangle nets utilized prior to 9/13 in 2T, 2U, 2N,
- Weeks 38-41: Areas 2T,2U,2N,2M,
- Week 42: Areas 2U,2N,2M,
- Closed November (weeks 37-42)

**Sport Marine:** Daily Limit 2, Mark Selective Aug 1, Natural and Hatchery Coho retention daily limit 2.

**Sport Freshwater:** Close those FW systems without hatchery supplementation; SF Willapa and Nemah rivers close Oct 1; release all unmarked chinook and unmarked Coho



# Willapa Bay NALF Fisheries Package

| Recreational Regulations | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Area | Section | Season | Daily Limit | Adult daily Limit | 2-Pole | 2-Pole Upper Extent | Natural CHK Retention | Natural Coho Retention |
| **Marine Area 2.1** | Control Zone Open | June 20 - July 31 | Same as Marine Area 2 when open for salmon | | | | | |
| | | Aug. 1 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | Yes | - | 0 | 2 |
| **Willapa River** | mouth upstream to Hwy 6 Bridge below Trap Crk | Aug. 1 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | Yes | 2nd Bridge on Camp One Rd. | 0 | **0** |
| | Hwy 6 upstream to Fork Creek | Aug. 16 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | Yes | | 0 | **0** |
| | Mouth of Fork Creek to Hwy 6 Br (near Lebam) | Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| **SF Willapa River** | mouth to bridge on Pehl Rd | Aug. 1 - Sept 30 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| **Fork Creek** | Fork Crk Hatchery rack upstream 500' at the fishing boundary sign | Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| **North River** | mouth upstream to Fall River | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |
| **Smith Creek** | mouth to Hwy 101 Bridge | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |
| **North Nemah River** | Hwy 101 Br. to Nemah Valley Rd. Br. | Aug. 1 - Sept 30 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| | Nemah Valley Rd. Br. Upstream to Hancock Property Line approx. 1.66 M | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |
| | Hancock Property Line upstream to temporary weir | Aug. 1 - Sept 15, Seniors Only* | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| | temporary weir upstream to Nemah Hat. Dam | Closed to ALL fishing | | | | | | |
| | Nemah Hatchery dam upstream to N700 Rd | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |
| **Middle Nemah River** | mouth to bridge on Middle Nemah A-line Rd | Sept. 1 - Sept 30 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| **South Nemah River** | mouth to confluence with Middle Nemah R. | Sept. 1 - Sept 30 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| **Palix River** | Hwy 101 to mouth of Middle Fork | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |
| **Niawiakum River** | Hwy 101 Br. To the S. Bend/Palix Rd Br | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |
| **Naselle River** | mouth (Hwy 101) upstream to South Fork Naselle River | Aug. 1 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | Yes | South Fork | 0 | **0** |
| | from South Fork Naselle River upstream to Hwy 4 | Aug. 1 - Jan 31 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| | Hwy 4 to 300' below hatchery attraction channel | Oct 16 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| | Attraction channel upstream to Crown Mainline Bridge | Oct 16 - Jan. 31 | 6 | 2 | No | - | 0 | **0** |
| **Bear River** | Mouth upstream to Lime Quarry Rd | Closed to salmon fishing | | | | | | |

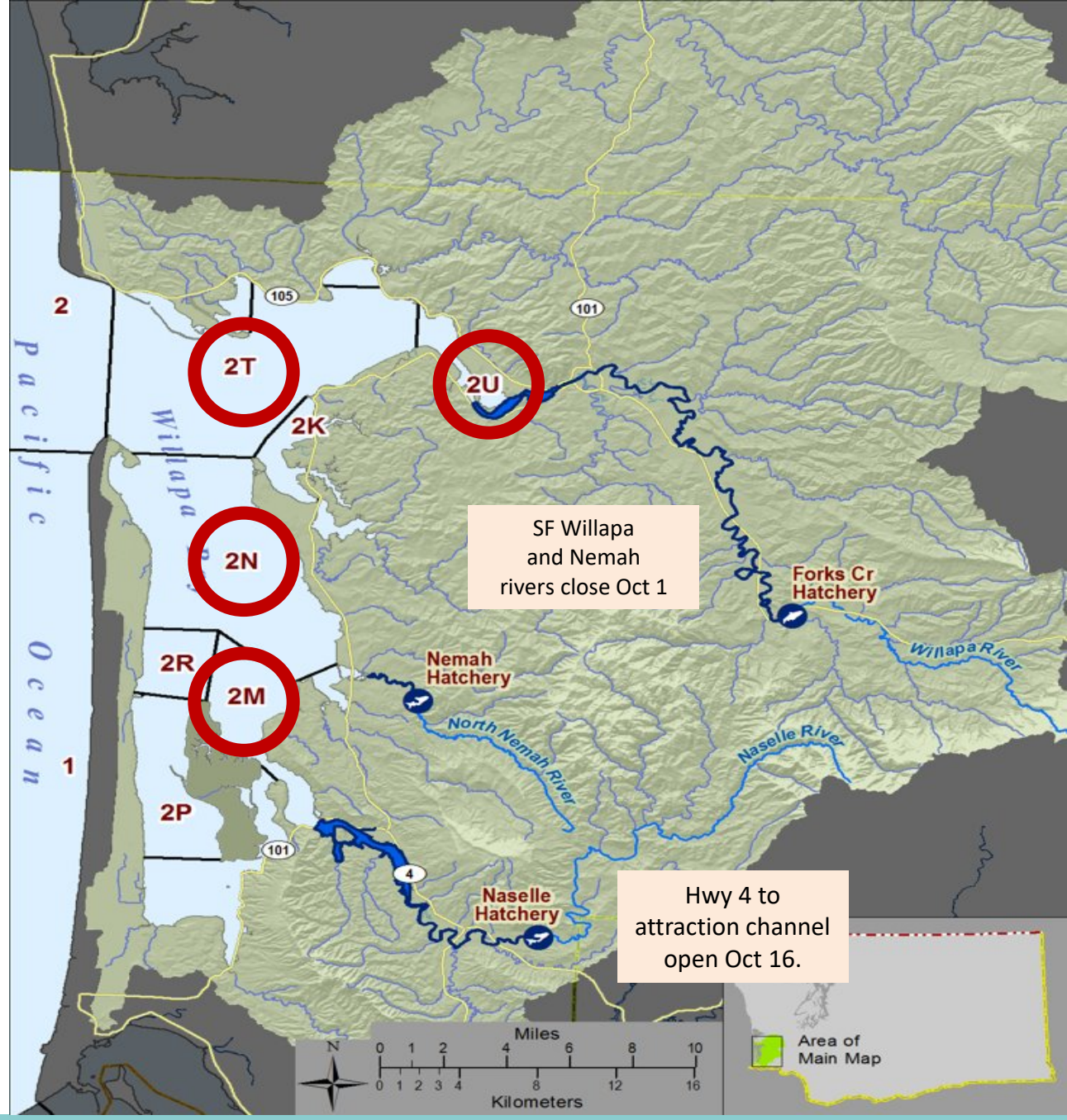
# Commercial Proposals Models B & D

**Model B:** Meets all management objectives; 11%, 18.7% CHK, 13,996 Coho, 36,257 Chum.

**Commercial:**

- 20 days of fishing,
- Tangle nets:
  - Week 34 (Aug 15-21): 2N,
  - Weeks 35-37: 2N, 2M;
  - Week 38: All areas but R
- Small mesh:
  - Weeks 39: all areas but R,
  - Week 40: 2T, 2U, 2M,
  - Week 42: 2T, 2N, 2M,
  - Week 45 (Nov): 2T, 2U, 2M;
  - Week 46 (Nov): 2U

**Sport Marine & Freshwater:** No change from NALF model



# Commercial Proposals Models B & D

**Model D:** Meets all management objectives; 11.1%, 18.6% CHK, 14,022 Coho, 36,234 Chum.

**Commercial:**

- 22 days of fishing,
- Tangle nets:
  - Week 34 (Aug 15-21): 2N
  - Weeks 35-37: 2N, 2M
  - Week 38: All areas but R
- Small mesh:
  - Weeks 39-40: all areas but R,
  - **Week 41: 2U, 2N, 2R**
  - **Week 42: All areas (no 2P)**
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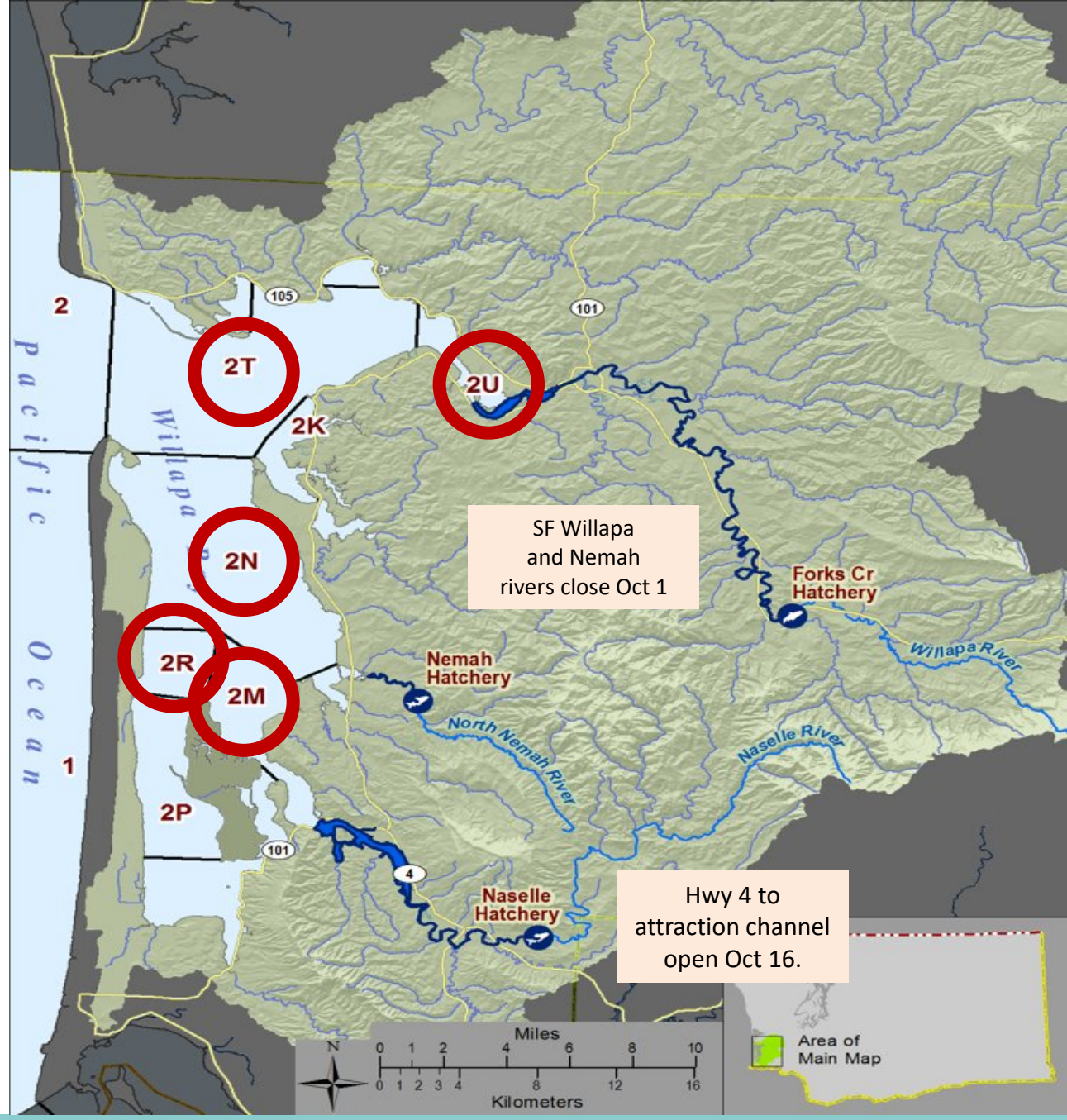



Indicates change from previous model

# WB Fishery proposals: Model C

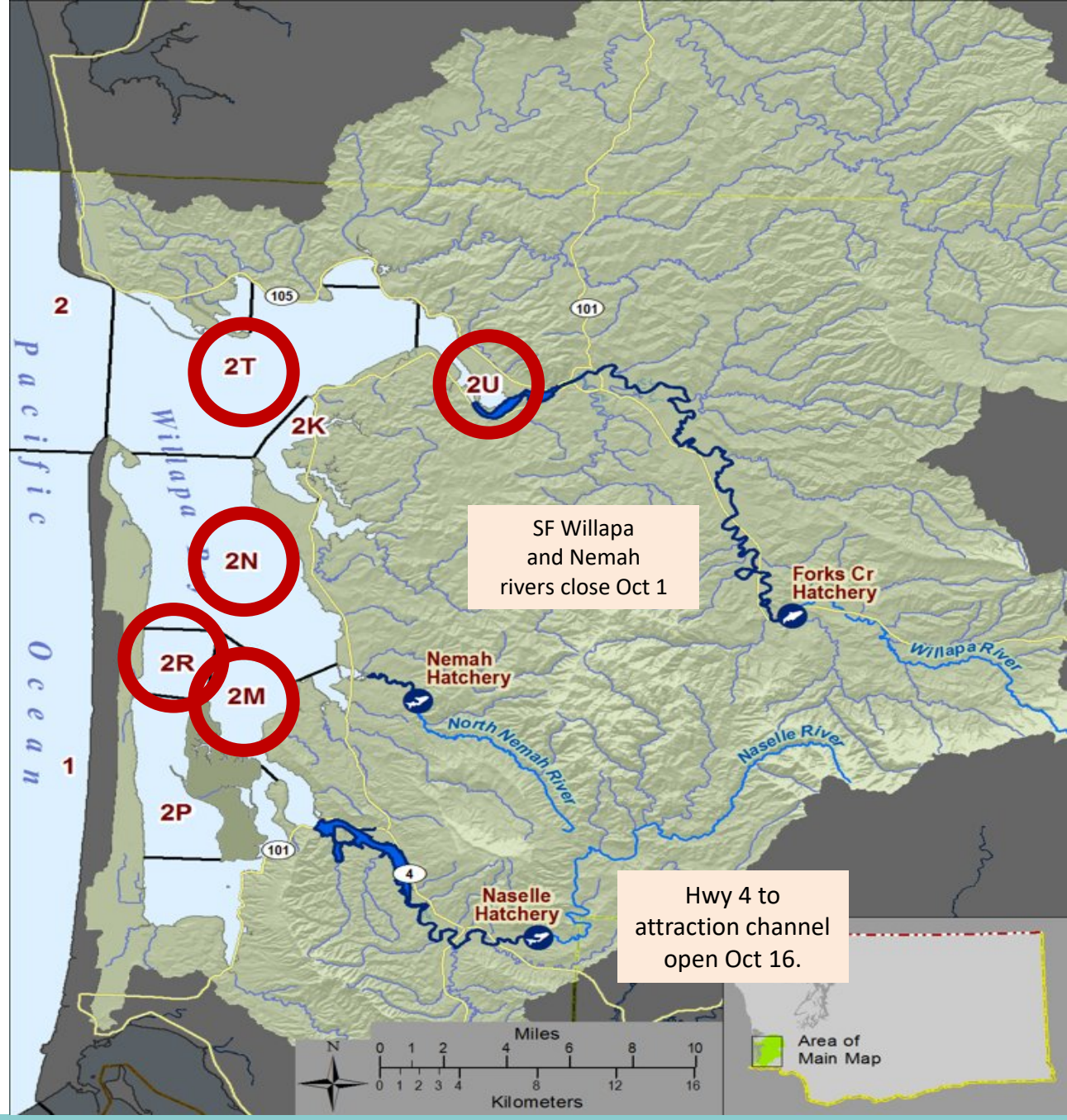
With very few proposals received, staff added one to encourage conversation

**Model C:** Meets all management objectives; 10.7%, 18.4% CHK, 13,807 Coho, 35,665 Chum

**Commercial:**

- 23 days of fishing,
- Tangle nets:
  - ~~Week 34 (Aug 15-21): 2N~~ **No fishing**
  - Weeks 35-37: 2N, 2M
  - Weeks 35-37: 2N, 2M
  - Week 38: All areas but R
- Small mesh:
  - Week 39: All areas but R,
  - Week 40: All areas
  - ~~Week 41: 2U, 2N, 2R~~ **No fishing**
  - Week 42: All areas
  - Week 45-46 (Nov): All areas

**Sport Marine & Freshwater:** No change from NALF model



# WB Fishery proposals: Model E

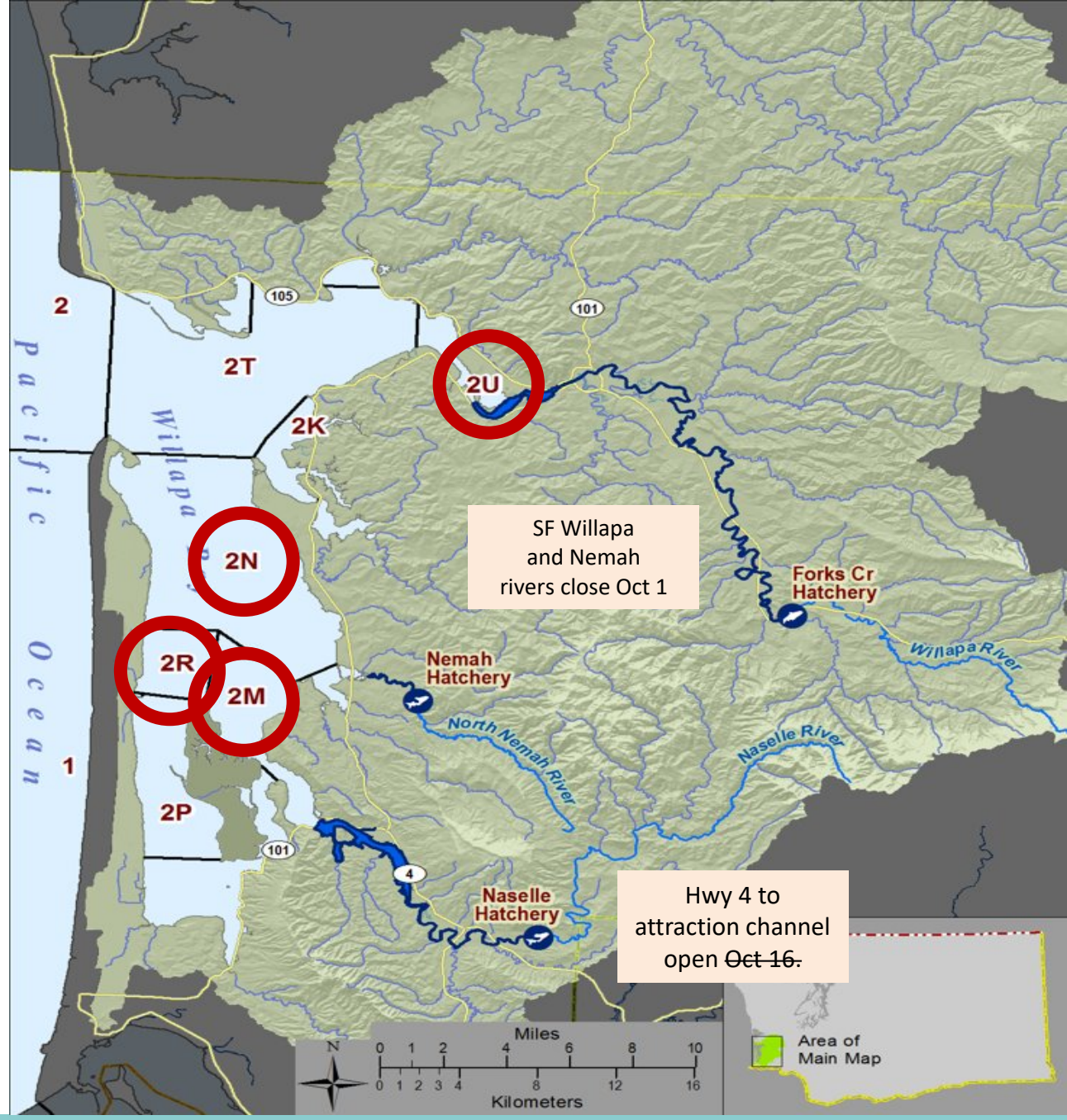
**Model E:** Meets all management objectives; 8.3%, 6.4% CHK, 15,013 Coho, 35,435 Chum

**Commercial:**

- 11 days of fishing,
- ~~Tangle nets:~~ No tangle nets
  - No fishing in 2T
  - No Fishing in 2U, 2N, 2M Until Oct 1.
- Small mesh:
  - Weeks 40-43: 2U,2N,2R,2M

**Sport Marine & Freshwater:**

- Increase daily limit on Nemah to 3 adults,
- Open Naselle Hwy 4 to Attraction channel Aug 16- instead of Oct 16.



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# Questions and Feedback

**Link to submit NOF-related Public comments electronically:**
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