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NOF Puget Sound & Freshwater Recreational Discussion

March 28, 2022



Agenda

- Puget Sound Forecasts Review
- Puget Sound Chinook and Coho Management Objectives
- Puget Sound Season Proposals
- Freshwater Season Proposals
- Recreational Considerations
- Public Comment



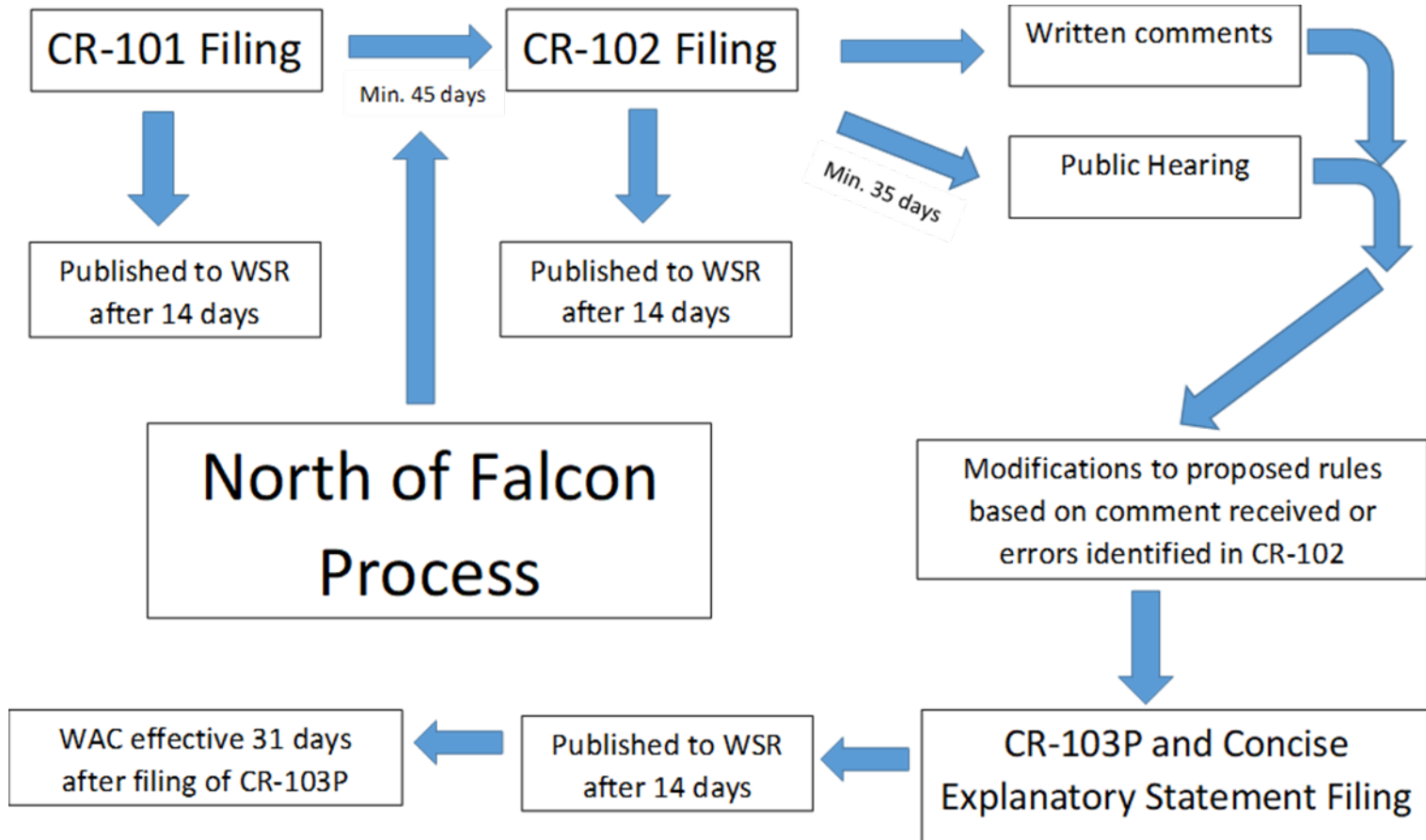
What is North of Falcon?

- North of Falcon is the annual, cooperative process to set salmon seasons in Washington waters
- The name refers to waters north of Oregon's Cape Falcon, which marks the southern border of Washington's management of salmon stocks
- One component of a larger salmon setting process that also involves the state, tribal governments, federal regulators, other U.S. States, and Canada



2022 Salmon Fishery Rulemaking

Administrative Procedure Act Process



Forecast Recap for 2022

Puget Sound Chinook:

- Natural stocks down 36% and Hatchery stocks up 6% from recent 10-year average

Puget Sound Coho:

- Natural stocks up 29% and Hatchery stocks up 61% from 10-year average

Puget Sound Chum:

- Natural stocks down 61% and Hatchery stocks down 64% from 10-year avg



Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Comparisons – Summer / Fall

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Natural</u>		
	2021	2022	Comparison
Skagit Summer / Fall	10,461	12,508	1.20
Snohomish	2,922	2,423	0.83
Stillaguamish	325	342	1.05
Skokomish	278	532	1.91
Mid HC	18	12	0.67
Lake Washington	746	714	0.96
Green River	3,949	4,055	1.03
Puyallup	1,398	1,372	0.98
Nisqually	911	800	0.88
Elwha	216	183	0.85
Dungeness	358	596	1.66
Hoko	639	403	0.63
Puget Sound Total (excl. Spring)	22,263	23,925	1.07



Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Comparisons – Spring Stocks

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Natural</u>		
	2021	2022	Comparison
Skagit Spring	1,556	2,496	1.60
White River Springs	2,623	2,958	1.13
Nooksack Spring	517	551	1.07
Puget Sound Total	4,696	6,005	1.28



Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Comparisons – Summer / Fall

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>		
	2021	2022	Comparison
Skagit Summer / Fall	525	525	1.00
Snohomish	11,811	13,651	1.16
Stillaguamish	587	548	0.93
Skokomish	32,986	27,380	0.83
Hoodsport	35,086	29,212	0.83
Lake Washington	3,664	4,493	1.23
Green River	20,419	20,006	0.98
Puyallup	16,437	17,959	1.09
Nisqually	13,887	18,468	1.33
South Sound Hatcheries	22,239	27,134	1.22
Nooksack / Samish	20,024	31,881	1.59
Elwha	4,584	3893	0.85
Dungeness	346	310	0.90
Hoko	441	2520	5.71
Puget Sound Total (excl. Spring)	185,202	200,285	1.08



Puget Sound Chinook Forecast Comparisons – Spring Stocks

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>		
	2021	2022	Comparison
Skagit Spring	3,613	4,056	1.12
White River Springs	1,302	1,544	1.19
Nooksack Spring	14,833	14,271	1.07
Puget Sound Total	19,748	19,871	1.01



Puget Sound Coho Forecast Comparisons

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Natural</u>		
	2021	2022	Comparison
Dungeness	716	586	0.82
Elwha	213	1193	5.60
Other Strait	6,684	7,430	1.11
Nooksack/Samish	34,261	36,046	1.05
Skagit	58,434	80,378	1.38
Stillaguamish	26,828	24,892	0.93
Snohomish	60,000	64,218	1.07
Lake Washington	1,588	1,287	0.81
Green	1,557	4,038	2.59
Puyallup	10,093	3,834	0.38
Nisqually	3,239	3,880	1.20
Deschutes	615	340	0.55
Skokomish	1,986	1,534	0.77
Other Hood Canal	27,267	19,574	0.72
Total (others included)	245,889	266,855	1.09



Puget Sound Coho Forecast Comparisons

<u>Basin</u>	<u>Hatchery</u>		
	2021	2022	Comparison
Dungeness	10,131	8,547	0.84
Elwha	1,416	2,402	1.70
Nooksack/Samish	54,569	73,842	1.35
Skagit	22,017	21,273	0.97
Stillaguamish	4,004	1,937	0.48
Snohomish	29,938	22,559	0.75
Lake Washington	6,218	12,889	2.07
Green	75,928	75,992	1.00
Puyallup	30,758	26,512	0.86
Nisqually	13,815	12,747	0.92
Deschutes	54,289	68,516	1.26
Skokomish	16,528	17,305	1.05
Other Hood Canal	31,748	43,201	1.36
Total (others included)	369,059	399,613	1.08



Chinook Management Objectives PS

Management Unit	NMFS Guidance/Co-Manager Proposal
Nooksack Spring	10.9% SUS ER
Skagit Summer/Fall	52% Total if above LAT / 15% SUS ER below LAT
Skagit Spring-run	36% Total
Stillaguamish River	9% UM SUS max; 14% M SUS
Snohomish River	< 8.3% SUS ER - DISCUSS
Lake Washington	15% PT SUS
Green River	15% PT SUS
White River Spring-run	22% SUS
Puyallup	15% PT SUS
Nisqually	47% Total
Skokomish fall-run	50% total
Mid Hood Canal	Limited by exploitation rates of other MUs
Dungeness	10% SUS
Elwha	10% SUS



Coho Management Objectives

Puget Sound

Puget Sound Stocks	2022 Adult Forecast (Ocean Age 3)	2022 Assigned FMP Status	Total ER Ceiling
Strait of Juan de Fuca *	7,297	Critical	20 %
Hood Canal **	20,196	Low	45 %
Skagit	80,378	Normal	60 %
Stillaguamish	24,892	Normal	50 %
Snohomish ***	64,200	Low	40 %

* Strait Stocks are under a Rebuilding Plan

** Hood Canal Coho are currently in overfished status

*** Snohomish under a Rebuilding Plan and managed to minimum escapement target of 55,000



Chinook Proposed Season

Puget Sound Recreational Chinook Seasons 2022-23 Modeling Proposal																					
Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr									
5			M M M	NR NR NR							M M M M										
6			M M M	NR NR NR																	
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Nooksack	M	Skykomish	M	Sammamish	NR	Nisqually	M
Samish	NS	Skagit/Cascade	M	Puyallup	M	Skokomish	
Elliot Bay SAF	NS	Sinclair Inlet	M	Tulalip Bubble	NS	Year-round piers	NS
Duwamish	NS	Bellingham	NS				

NR Non-Retention	NS non-sel	M Mark selective	■ Closed
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*NR in Quilcene Bay starting August 1st, but NR in the full NOA area starting September 1st.



Chinook - Changes

- MA-5/6 – no changes
- MA-7 – Aug 15 Start, Feb blackmouth
- MA-9 – Aug 1 – Sep 30
- MA-10 – Blackmouth February only
- MA-11 – June 1 Start
- MA-12/13 – no changes (See NR changes for coho later in 12)



Coho Proposed Season

Puget Sound Recreational Coho Seasons - 2022-23																					
Area	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr									
5			M	M	M	M					NR	NR	NR	NR							
6			M	M	M	M															
7					M	M				NR	NR										
81					NS	NS															
82					M*	M*															
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10			NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS									
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13	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M

Dungeness	M	Cascade	NS	Lake Sammamish	NS	Nisqually	M	Year-round piers	NS
Nooksack	NS	Stillaguamish	NS	Green	NS	Quilcene	NS	Tulalip	NS
Skagit	NS	Snohomish	M (Wallace)	Puyallup	NS	Skokomish		Sinclair Inlet	NS
Samish	M	Lake WA	NS						

NR	Non-Retention	NS	non-sel	M	Mark Selective		Closed
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* Area 82 Open Aug 1 through Sept 19 only South and West from Clinton/Mukilteo Line ** Open Quilcene Bay only in Aug



Coho - Changes

***** Modeling not finalized *****

- MA-5/6 – no change
- MA-7 – Aug 15 – Sep 30 MSF
- MA-9 – Aug 1 start
- MA-10 – no change
- MA-11 – June 1 start
- MA-12 –
 - SOA – no change
 - Quilcene – Open Aug 1st
 - NOA – Open Sept. 1st
- MA-13 – no change



Freshwater Proposed Seasons – North Sound

- Nooksack – Potential Spring Chinook
 - Coho same as 2021
- Samish – Suggestions:
 - return to "float rules"
 - "no added weight"
- Skagit
 - Hatchery spring and coho similar to 2021.
 - Sockeye – lake and river opportunity. Additional river reach proposed: Gilligan to Dalles.
 - General, expect day and area closures to avoid conflict with treaty fisheries.



Freshwater Proposed Seasons – Central Sound

- Stillaguamish – Similar Seasons to 2021
- Snohomish – Current proposal:
 - Skykomish River – Chinook MSF
 - Wallace River – Coho MSF
- Lake WA – Similar Seasons to 2021
- Green/Duwamish – Similar Seasons to 2021
 - Chinook – 2 fish daily limit



Freshwater Proposed Seasons – South Sound / HC

- Puyallup & Carbon
 - Similar seasons relative to 2021
 - Reduced weekly fishing schedule
- Nisqually – Similar Seasons to 2021
- Skokomish – Closed until further notice
- Dungeness – MSF Coho in October



Hood Canal Salmon (Freshwater)

River		Salmon Regulations/Issues
Big Quilcene River	Rodgers to 101 2022 Issues	8/16-10/31 Coho, Limit 4, anti-snagging rule Fisheries conflict at Rodgers Street access
	Options	a) Alternating days b) Move NT closure boundary upstream
Dosewallips River	Mouth to PUD Lines	11/1-12/15 Chum, limit 2
Duckabush River	Mouth to 101	11/1-12/15 Chum, limit 2
Skokomish River	SALMON, CLOSED	Reservation boundary dispute
Tahuya River	SALMON, CLOSED	Private property/Access, Overfished/low forecast
Dewatto River	SALMON, CLOSED	Summer chum impacts, Overfished/low forecast

Considerations for 2022 salmon season

- Forecasts for Puget Sound Chinook and Coho stocks modestly improved over recent years
 - Chinook stocks continue to be depressed relative to their status at listing and designated "In-crisis" in the State of the Salmon Report in 2020
 - Low expected returns of natural Chinook to Stillaguamish and Snohomish Rivers
 - Low expected returns of natural coho in South Sound, Hood Canal, and the Strait of Juan de Fuca stocks
 - Potential to have both Queets and Snohomish stocks reach "rebuilt"
 - Chum stocks returning to South Sound and Hood Canal similar to 2021
 - Continued concerns for SRKW



2022 NOF Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be held virtually

Meeting links and materials are available on the WDFW webpage

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

Date	Purpose
Mar. 28	Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Discussion
Mar. 29-31	North of Falcon #2
Mar. 30	North of Falcon #2 – Public Meeting (9am)
Apr. 1	Columbia River and Ocean Fisheries Discussion
Apr. 5	Willapa Bay Fisheries Discussion
Apr. 6	Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion
Apr. 7-13	Final Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting



Questions/Comments?

