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To All Licensed Washington Troll Fishers:

On Tuesday, April 12, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) adopted final ocean salmon fishery management recommendations for 2022. The non-treaty troll fishery in the area north of Cape Falcon will operate under the following regulations:

MAY - JUNE FISHERY

Washington Catch Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 from Cape Falcon, Oregon north to the U.S.-Canada border will be open for a Chinook directed, all-salmon-except-coho fishery **May 1-June 29**. The fishery will close the earlier of June 29 or attainment of the quota of 18,000 Chinook, no more than 6,040 of which may be caught in the area between the U.S.-Canada border and the Queets River and no more than 4,840 of which may be caught in the area between Leadbetter Point and Cape Falcon. Fishing is open seven days per week. All salmon **except coho** are legal.

Landing and Possession Limits

Landing and possession limits per vessel **per landing week** (Thursday through Wednesday) are in place for the following sub-areas:

- U.S.-Canada border to the Queets River: **80** Chinook; or
- Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon, Oregon: **80** Chinook

The area between the Queets River and Leadbetter Point will not begin with a landing and possession limit. Please be aware that **landing and possession limits may be added or modified in-season**.

Vessel Landing and Call-in Requirements

- Vessels in possession of salmon **north** of the **Queets River** or vessels in possession of salmon **south** of the **Queets River** may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW by phone at (360) 249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov with area fished, total Chinook and halibut catch aboard, and destination.
- Vessels fishing, or in possession of salmon **north** of **Leadbetter Point** must land and deliver all species of fish in a Washington port and must possess a Washington troll and/or salmon delivery license. **Vessels may not land fish east of the Sekiu River or**

east of the Megler-Astoria bridge. For delivery to Washington ports south of Leadbetter Point, vessels must notify WDFW at (360) 249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov prior to crossing the Leadbetter Point line with area fished, total Chinook and halibut catch aboard, and destination with approximate time of delivery. **During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line may be fished.**

- Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing **south of Leadbetter Point** must land and deliver their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point except Oregon permitted vessels may land their fish in Garibaldi, Oregon.

General Rules

- The minimum size limit for Chinook is **27** inches.
- Gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank barbless hooks only.
- Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be instituted or adjusted in-season.
- When it is estimated that approximately 50% of the overall Chinook quota or any Chinook subarea guideline has been landed, in-season action may be considered to ensure the quota and subarea guidelines are not exceeded.
- Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones are closed. (See definitions below.)
- **Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery.**
- Please check the fisheries hotline at (360) 902-2500 for regulation updates prior to going fishing.

JULY - SEPTEMBER FISHERY

Washington Catch Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 from Cape Falcon, Oregon north to the U.S.-Canada border will be open for all salmon species July 1 - September 30. The fishery will close the earlier of September 30 or the attainment of the quota of 9,000 Chinook or 32,000 marked coho. All landed coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip. Fishing is open seven days per week.

Landing and Possession Limits

A landing and possession limit of **150 marked coho per vessel per landing week** (Thursday through Wednesday) is in place. Please be aware that **landing and possession limits may be added or modified in-season prior to or after the July 1 start date.**

Vessel Landing and Call-in Requirements

- Vessels in possession of salmon **north** of the **Queets River** or vessels in possession of salmon **south** of the **Queets River** may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW by phone at (360) 249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov with area fished, total Chinook, coho, and halibut catch

- aboard, and destination.
- Vessels fishing, or in possession of salmon **north of Leadbetter Point** must land and deliver all species of fish in a Washington port and must possess a Washington troll and/or salmon delivery license. **Vessels may not land fish east of the Sekiu River or east of the Megler-Astoria bridge.** For delivery to Washington ports south of Leadbetter Point, vessels must notify WDFW at (360) 249-1215 or by email at Danielle.Williams@dfw.wa.gov prior to crossing the Leadbetter Point line with area fished, total Chinook, coho and halibut catch aboard, and destination with approximate time of delivery. **During any single trip, only one side of the Leadbetter Point line may be fished.**
 - Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing **south of Leadbetter Point** must land and deliver their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point except Oregon permitted vessels may land their fish in Garibaldi, Oregon.

General Rules

- All salmon are legal, except no chum retention north of Cape Alava beginning August 1.
- The minimum size limit for Chinook is **27** inches and the minimum size limit for coho is 16 inches.
- Gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank barbless hooks only.
- Trip limits, gear restrictions, and guidelines may be instituted or adjusted in-season.
- Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones are closed. The Grays Harbor Control Zone is closed beginning August 8. (See definitions below.)
- **Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery.**
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QUICK REPORTING SYSTEM

The Washington State Quick Reporting System is in effect throughout the 2022 commercial troll fishery. All wholesale dealers or trollers retailing their fish are required to report their landing by 10:00 a.m. the day following delivery. Reports can be made by email at trollfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov, by **faxing to (360) 902-2949**, or by calling **(866) 791-1279**. Please report dealer name and license number, the date of landing, the fish ticket number, the gear, the area fished, the number of days fished, the number of fish by species and the total weight by species including halibut.

CONSERVATION AREA AND CONTROL ZONE DEFINITIONS

Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area - The area in Washington Marine Catch Area 3 from 48°00.00' N latitude; 125°14.00' W longitude to 48°02.00' N latitude; 125°14.00' W longitude to 48°02.00' N latitude; 125°16.50' W longitude to 48°00.00' N latitude; 125°16.50' W longitude and connecting back to 48°00.00' N latitude; 125°14.00' W longitude.

Cape Flattery Control Zone - The area from Cape Flattery (48°23'00" N. latitude) to the northern boundary of the United States Economic Exclusion Zone (U.S. EEZ); and the area from Cape Flattery south to 48°10'00" N. latitude and east of 125°05'00" W. longitude.

Grays Harbor Control Zone – The area defined by a line drawn from the Westport Lighthouse (46°53.18' N latitude; 124°07.01' W longitude) to Buoy #2 (46°52.42' N latitude; 124°12.42' W longitude) to Buoy #3 (46°55.00' N latitude; 124°14.48' W longitude) to the Grays Harbor north jetty (46°36.00' N latitude; 124°10.51' W longitude).

Columbia Control Zone - An area at the Columbia River mouth, bounded on the west by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 (46°13'35" N. latitude, 124°06'50" W. longitude) and the green lighted Buoy #7 (46°15'09" N. latitude, 124°06'16" W. longitude); on the east, by the Buoy #10 line which bears north/south at 357° true from the south jetty at 46°14'00" N. latitude, 124°03'07" W. longitude to its intersection with the north jetty; on the north, by a line running northeast/southwest between the green lighted Buoy #7 to the tip of the north jetty (46°15'48" N. latitude, 124°05'20" W. longitude) and then along the north jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line; and, on the south, by a line running northeast/southwest between the red lighted Buoy #4 and tip of the south jetty (46°14'03" N. latitude, 124°04'05" W. longitude), and then along the south jetty to the point of intersection with the Buoy #10 line.

HALIBUT AND GROUND FISH REGULATIONS IN THE 2022 SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The operator of a vessel that has been issued an incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in Catch Area 2A during authorized periods while trolling for salmon. The following landing restrictions govern the incidental harvest: Halibut retained must meet the minimum size limit of 32 inches total length with head on. Halibut retention is allowed only during the troll season as long as fish remain on the commercial quota and if announced on the National Marine Fisheries Service hotline at 1-800-662-9825. In-season action may be taken to avoid exceeding the commercial halibut allocation.

Incidental halibut harvest is authorized from May 1, 2022, through May 15, 2022, under rules adopted in 2021 which allow for the retention of one halibut per each two Chinook salmon, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than **35** halibut may be landed per trip.

From May 16, 2022, through the end of the 2022 salmon troll season and beginning April 1, 2023, until modified through in-season action or superseded by the 2023 management measures, license holders may land no more than one halibut per each two Chinook salmon, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement. No more than **35** halibut may be landed per trip.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council adopts regulations to address conservation concerns for a number of depressed groundfish stocks and to comply with stock rebuilding plans mandated

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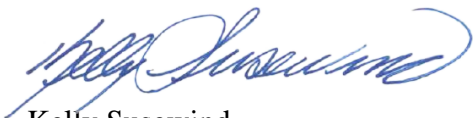
by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. These regulations affect all coastal commercial and recreational fisheries. Regulatory rockfish groupings (nearshore, shelf and slope) require identification and sorting of rockfish in the catch. Additionally, since limits are based upon one or two-month cumulative periods, fishers need to keep track of their catch by calendar month in order to avoid exceeding limits. Limits apply to fixed calendar months (two-month limit periods are May-June, July-August, September-October). Rockfish must be recorded by trip limit category on the fish ticket. North of 40°10' N. latitude, salmon troll vessels may retain and land up to 500 pounds of yellowtail rockfish per month as long as salmon is on board. This limit is within the 1,500 pound per month limit for yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit. The 500 pounds per-month cumulative limit includes fish caught both within and outside of the Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA).

In addition to rockfish, salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 2 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed and is not "CLOSED." The number of lingcod must be recorded on the fish ticket together with total weight.

The RCA includes all areas inside the 100-fathom curve off Washington and between 30 fathoms and 100 fathoms off Oregon and California, for more detail check the website listed below. Only yellowtail rockfish, lingcod, and halibut may be retained while fishing inside the 100-fathom curve or RCA. If all fishing during the trip takes place outside of the RCA, then open access groundfish limits for all species apply. Vessels fishing pursuant to the harvest guidelines, quotas, and other management measures governing open access groundfish are required to activate and use a vessel monitoring system (VMS). Rules pertaining to the VMS requirement can be found at 50 CFR Part 660. See also 72 FR 69162 (December 7, 2007) and a correction at 73 FR 4759 (January 28, 2008). Complete groundfish regulations can be viewed on the web at: <https://ecfr.federalregister.gov/current/title-50/chapter-VI/part-660>

Commercial troll fisheries are managed on a quota. Open days, landing and possession limits, or any other regulation could change at any time. Always contact the fisheries hotline at (360) 902-2500 prior to going fishing.

Sincerely,



Kelly Susewind
Director