

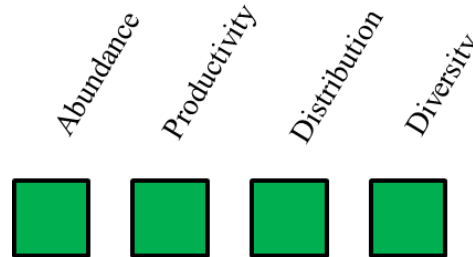
Coastal Steelhead Season Planning: Town Hall #2

Region 6 Fish Management Team
Nov. 27, 2023



Results of Public Process

- ~150 people attended Town Hall #1
- Hundreds of suggestions through online portal, phone, email, and letters.
- Key concepts we've heard from the public:
 - Desire for a conservative approach
 - Support for last year's regulations
 - Close systems that are not meeting escapement
 - Increased hatchery targeted fisheries
 - Allow the use of bait
 - Allow steelhead fishing in April
 - Increase boat fishing opportunity
 - Increase restrictions on fishing out of a boat
 - Formal evaluation of boat fishing restrictions
- Region 6 Management team analyzed more than 20 specific proposals



Modeling Results

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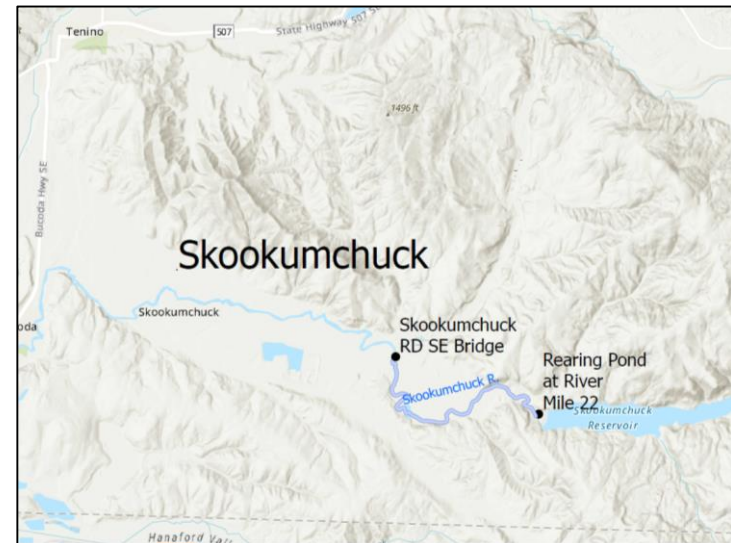
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Modeling Results: Grays Harbor

Tributary	Forecasted Sport Impact Limit
Wishkah	12
Wynoochee	41
Satsop	62
Cloquallum	12
Black	1
Lower Chehalis Tribs.	6
Upper Chehalis Mains	11
Skookumchuck	9
Newaukum	23
Upper Chehalis Tribs.	7
EF Chehalis	8
SF Chehalis	8
WF Chehalis	4
Humptulips	67

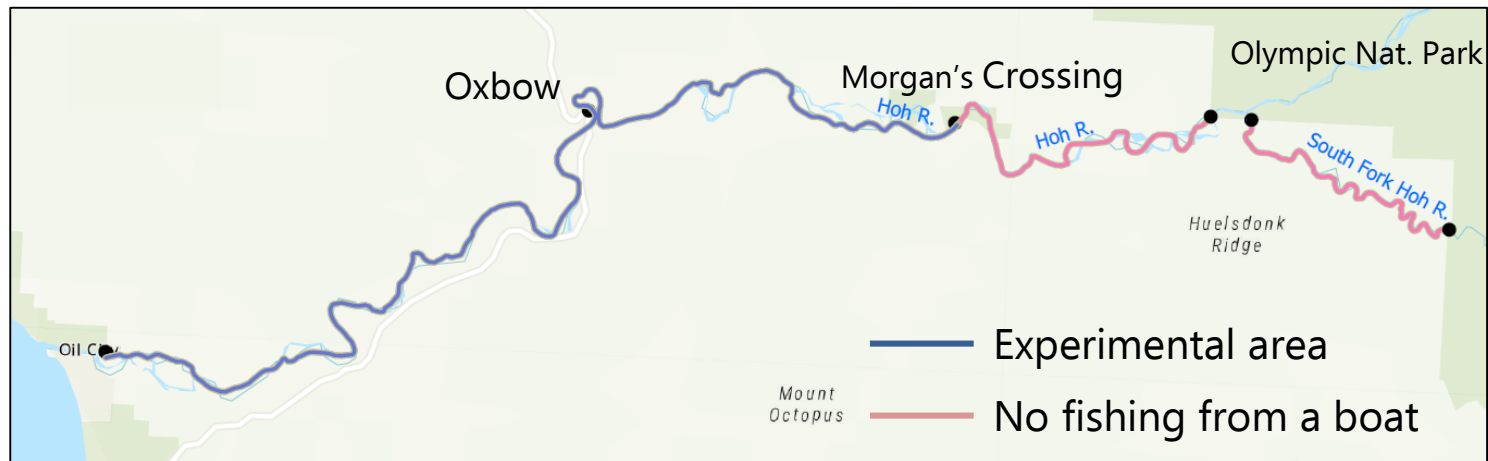


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Strategy:

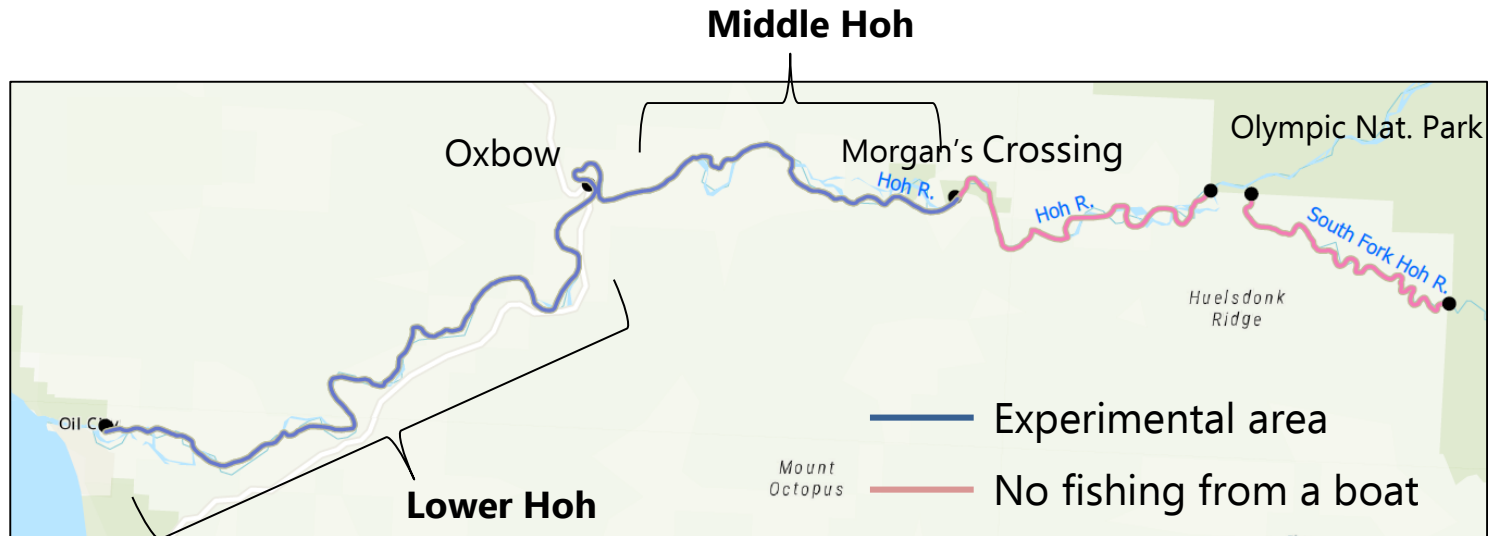
- Alternate boat restrictions throughout the fishing season
- Strategic monitoring during the fishing season
- Increase enforcement and communications



Hoh River fishery and evaluation of “no fishing out of a boat”

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Watershed	Description	Day of Week						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lower Hoh	Downstream of Oxbow	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed
Middle Hoh	Oxbow to Morgan's C.	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Allowed
South Fork Hoh	Confluence upstream	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Upper Hoh	Morgan's Crossing to the ONP	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed



2023/24 Coastal Steelhead Rules

- **Willapa System**-Open Dec. 1-March 31 (select tributaries Feb. 28), selective gear rules, one single point barbless hook, release wild rainbow trout, 2 hatchery steelhead bag limit. Fishing from a floating device allowed.
- **Chehalis River**-TBD: Co-manager conversations ongoing
- **Humptulips River**-TBD: Co-manager conversations ongoing
- **Quinault River**- Closed Nov. 30
- **Queets/Clearwater River**-Closed Nov. 30
- **Quillayute System**-Open Dec. 1-March 31, selective gear rules, one single point barbless hook. Expanded boat fishing in Sol Duc River. Fishing from a floating device allowed in mainstem Quillayute, below hatchery on Sol Duc, below 101 bridge on Calawah and below mouth of Mill Creek (above hatchery) on Bogachiel. Release wild rainbow trout, 2 hatchery steelhead bag limit.
- **Hoh River**-Open Dec. 1-March 31, selective gear rules, one single point barbless hook. Fishing from a floating device allowed; Wednesday through Saturday from mouth to Oxbow boat ramp, and Sunday through Tuesday from Oxbow to Morgan's Crossing. Release wild rainbow trout, 2 hatchery steelhead bag limit.



Questions

