

2024 COLUMBIA RIVER NORTH OF FALCON PUBLIC MEETING

March 21, 2024, 10:00-2:00pm

Address: WDFW Ridgefield Regional Office, 5525 S. 11th Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

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MAIN SESSION AGENDA

- ❖ **Introductions, Schedule and Process (10:00am)**
 - Ground rules
 - Staff introductions
 - Meeting materials, upcoming meetings, and public comments
- ❖ **2023 Review (10:20am)**
 - Returns and conservation objectives
 - Non-treaty fisheries review
- ❖ **2024 Outlook (10:45am)**
 - Forecasts, conservation objectives and policy guidance
 - Modeling assumptions and considerations
 - North of Falcon Ocean Fishery Alternatives
 - Columbia River Non-treaty
 - Public Comments
- ❖ **Recreational Discussion (12:00pm)**
 - Summer
 - Fall
 - Mainstem (Hwy 395 at Pasco downstream to Buoy 10)
 - WA Region 5 tributaries (downstream of McNary Dam)
 - Public Comments
- ❖ **Conclusion (1:40pm)**
 - Staff will select one fishery management strategy per area and update models and associated timeframes during April PFMC. Staff will adjust fishery structures accordingly to achieve conservation and policy objectives while also reducing in-season closure risk.
 - April (6-11) PFMC: <https://www.pcouncil.org/council-meetings/upcoming-meeting/>
 - Results and planned seasons from 2024 NOF will be posted online:
 - WDFW: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/summaries>
 - ODFW: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/>

GROUND RULES

1. When you join the virtual meeting, your microphone will be muted automatically. If you attend in person, please take any side conversations to another room to prevent background noise or distractions.
2. In the case of any technical issues during the meeting, please notify us in the chat, and we will help you. However, please note that the chat will only be monitored for technical assistance.
3. Public comments are encouraged during identified comment periods and will be rotated between in-person and virtual.
 - If you are attending the meeting in person and wish to comment, please stand up and form a line behind the microphone when directed. If you're unable to do so, please raise your hand, and a staff member will assist you.
 - To ask a question or make a comment during the allotted time, please use your device's "raise hand" feature. If you're on the phone, dial *5 on Microsoft Teams, and if you're using a computer, click the hand/reactions icon at the bottom of your screen.
 - During the comment period, the host will allow you to unmute yourself. To do so, press the mute button on your device or dial *6 on your phone.
 - Before commenting, please identify yourself by stating your name and affiliation.
 - Keep discussions focused on the agenda items and questions at hand. Personal attacks, threats, or insults towards individuals, governments, or organizations are prohibited.
 - Offensive, disrespectful, or derogatory language, including profanity, is strictly prohibited.
 - Assume positive intentions from those speaking and listen respectfully.
 - To ensure a balanced discussion, please limit the length and frequency of your comments to allow others an opportunity to speak.
 - Always speak and act professionally – no offensive, disrespectful, or derogatory language, including profanity.
 - Provide constructive feedback regarding the fisheries in which you participate. Remember that the most compelling comments are those that pertain to the topics under discussion.
4. ODFW/WDFW staff may close or limit public comment to stay on schedule with the agenda.
5. The hybrid meeting will be recorded and posted online at WDFW's NOF website.
6. If you have any further comments, please submit them in written format on WDFW's public comment webpage: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-input>.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS

Meeting	Date	Topic
WA Puget Sound	March 21	Puget Sound and freshwater
WA Ocean	March 25	Ocean
OR Ocean	March 26	Ocean
WA Columbia River	March 27	Upper Columbia, Snake
WA NOF #2	March 27	Puget Sound and freshwater
WA Coastal	March 28	Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor
PFMC #2	April 6-11	Final Ocean Fisheries
WA Coastal	April 6	Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor