

Public Meeting Guidelines and Etiquette

Please note the following guidelines for our meeting:

- Upon joining the virtual meeting, your microphone will be muted automatically.
- In case of any technical issues during the meeting, notify us in the chat, and we will help you. Please note that the chat will only be monitored for technical assistance.
- Public comments are welcome and will be rotated between in-person and virtual attendees.
- To ask a question or make a comment, please use your device's "raise hand" feature. If on the phone, dial *9 on Zoom, and if using a computer, click the hand/reactions icon at the bottom of your screen.
- During the comment period, the host will enable you to unmute yourself. You can then unmute yourself by pressing the mute button on your device or dialing *6 on your phone.
- Keep discussions focused on the agenda items and questions at hand. Offensive, disrespectful, or derogatory language, including profanity, personal attacks, threats, or insults towards individuals, governments, or organizations, is strictly prohibited.
- Assume positive intentions from those speaking and listen respectfully.
- To ensure a balanced discussion, limit your comments to two minutes with one clarifying follow-up question.
- 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.
- WDFW staff may close public comment to stay on schedule with the agenda or to provide others who still need to comment with an opportunity to speak.
- The Hybrid meetings will be recorded and posted online.
- If you have further questions or comments, please submit them in written format on our public comment webpage:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-input>



2024 North of Falcon #2

March 27, 2024



Agenda

- NOF process
- Chinook and coho management objectives
- Current modeling

Breakout Meetings

- PS Recreational
- PS Commercial
- Other Coastal/CR



What is North of Falcon?

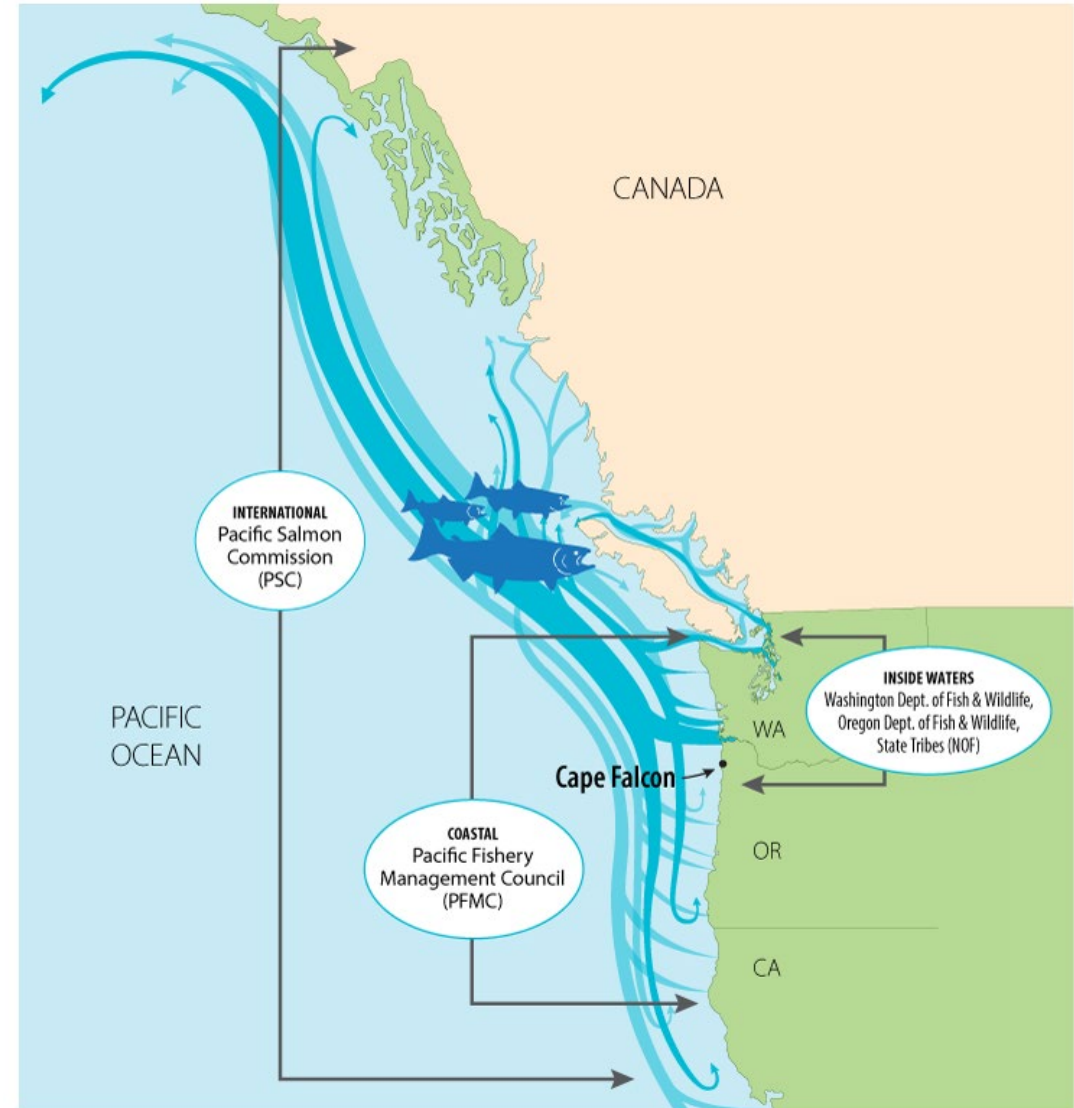
- North of Falcon is the annual, cooperative process to plan salmon seasons in Washington waters
- The name refers to waters north of Oregon's Cape Falcon, which marks the southern border of Washington's management of salmon stocks
- One component of a larger salmon setting process that also involves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



What guides North of Falcon?

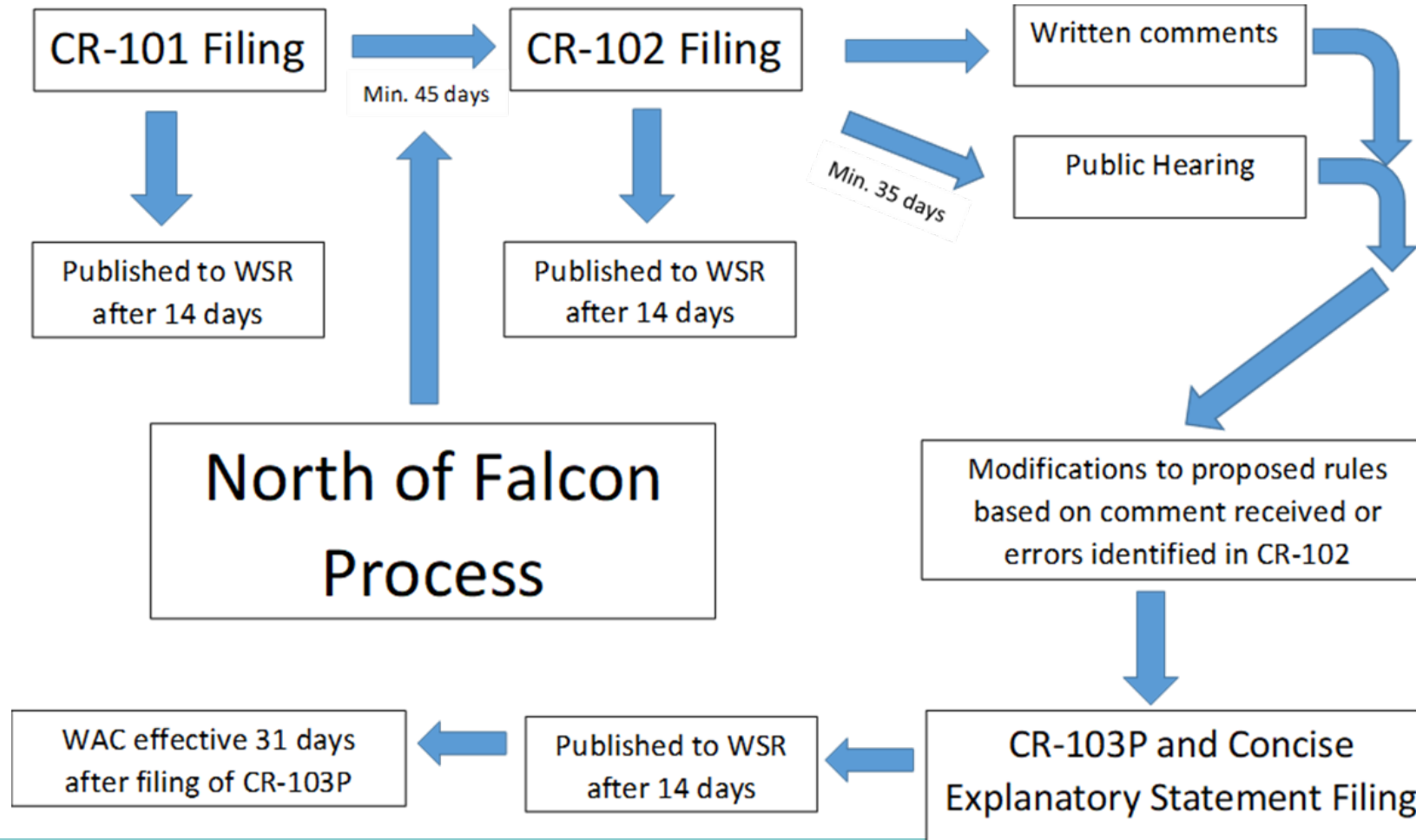
Fishery managers must weigh many factors when developing salmon seasons, including:

- Endangered Species Act (ESA) constraints
- Commission policy
- Pacific Salmon Treaty obligations
- Tribal co-management: Washington's treaty tribes manage their own fisheries, sharing data and splitting harvest with the state
- Extensive monitoring and evaluation of fisheries statewide



2024 Salmon Fishery Rulemaking

Administrative Procedure Act Process



Proposed Non-Treaty Ocean quotas for 2024

Alternative #1		Alternative # 2		Alternative # 3	
2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Chinook					
85,000	85,000	78,000	75,000	72,000	65,000
Coho					
105,000	200,000	95,000	185,000	80,000	170,000



Ocean Preliminary Modeling

Key Stock	Management Criteria (Total ER)	High Ocean Option (Chin-1324 Coho-2416)
Columbia Lower River Tules (Chinook)	41%	40.6%
Lower Columbia River Natural (Coho)	23%	17.1% (marine)
Grays Harbor Natural Coho	57%	56.0%
Queets Natural Coho	55%	41.6%
Hoh River Natural Coho	59%	51.2%
Quillayute River Fall Natural Coho	39%	42.6%
Oregon Coastal Natural Coho	30%	26.2%



Chinook Modeling Results

Stock	Management Criteria			Chin1324 (High Alt)			
	Abundance Tier	ER Ceiling	ER Type	Escapement	Total ER	SUS ER	PT-SUS ER
Spring/Early:							
Nooksack - Total		10.9%	SUS		32.2%	12.7%	5.1%
North/Middle Fork	< LAT			29			
South Fork	> LAT			330			
Skagit - Total	> LAT	36.0%	Total	1,376	26.0%	16.1%	3.2%
Upper Sauk	> LAT			815			
Upper Cascade	> LAT			180			
Suiattle	> LAT			381			
White	> UMT	22.0%	SUS	2,236	21.0%	17.2%	5.1%
Dungeness	> UMT	10.0%	SUS	1,255	21.4%	5.3%	5.3%
Summer/Fall:							
Skagit - Total	> LAT	15.0%	SUS	8,989	38.7%	17.2%	5.2%
Upper Skagit	> LAT			6,781			
Sauk	< LAT			318			
Lower Skagit	> LAT			1,377			
Stillaguamish							
Unmarked ER	> LAT	9.0%	UM SUS	983	30.2%	11.7%	7.3%
Marked ER		14.0%	M SUS		34.3%	15.3%	11.1%
Snohomish - Total				2,584	22.5%	10.0%	8.8%
Skykomish	< LB	Discuss	SUS	1,905			
Snoqualmie				679			
Lake WA (Cedar R.)	> UMT	14.0%	PT-SUS	649	39.0%	27.7%	14.2%
Green	> UMT	14.0%	PT-SUS	3,493	57.7%	46.5%	14.2%
				6,007			
Puyallup	> UB	14.0%	PT-SUS	3,045	58.8%	47.5%	14.2%
				6,063			
Nisqually	> LAT	47%	Total	8,043	47.7%	40.4%	17.7%
Western Strait-Hoko	> UMT	11%	SUS	3,112	22.8%	1.8%	1.8%
Elwha	> LAT	10%	SUS	2,962	21.4%	5.8%	5.7%
Mid-Hood Canal	< LAT	NA	ESC Change	13	27.7%	18.3%	16.1%
Skokomish	NA	50%	Total	2,637	53.2%	43.8%	16.7%
				13,897			



Current Coho Modeling Puget Sound

Management Unit	ER CEILING	High (2416)	Mid (2417)	Low (2418)
SKAGIT	60%	44.7%	44.2%	43.6%
STILLY	50%	39.1%	38.6%	38.2%
SNOHOMISH	40%	41.7%	41.2%	40.8%
HOOD CANAL	45%	45.2%	44.6%	44.0%
JUAN DE FUCA TRIBS	40%	13.8%	13.0%	12.2%
Lower Fraser (Thompson)	10% SUS	9.7%	8.8%	7.8%



Preliminary 2024 Washington Salmon Season Meeting Schedule

Date	Purpose	Location/Contact
March 27 (Wed)	NE of McNary/Upper Columbia/Snake River	Walla Walla Community College, Clarkston Campus, 1470 Bridge Street in Clarkston, WA (6-8 pm)
March 28 (Thu)	Willapa/Grays Harbor fisheries	Zoom (6-8 pm)
April 6 - 11	Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting	The Westin Seattle, 1900 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101
April 16 (Tue)	Willapa/Grays Harbor final proposed fisheries	Zoom (6-8 pm)

Online commenting – March-April

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

Puget Sound Sport Fishing Advisory Group

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/pssfag>

Full NOF schedule available on WDFW website:

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



Questions/Comments?



Puget Sound Recreational and Commercial Breakout Discussions

