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# 2024 North of Falcon Public Meeting Grays Harbor/Willapa Bay Draft Fisheries Package

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# 2024 Grays Harbor Fisheries Proposal Summary

## Proposed 2024 Grays Harbor Basin Fall Salmon Fishery Package

Areas		Season	Limits
<b>Marine Area Sport</b> (Jig restriction in Westport Boat Basin)	<b>North Bay</b>	Aug 1 - Sept 15	1 fish, 12" min, release wild Chinook and wild coho
	<b>East Bay</b>	Sept 16 - Nov 30	2 fish, 12" min, release Chinook
<b>Humptulips River</b>		Sept 1 - Oct 24	1 adult fish, release wild Chinook and wild coho
		Oct 25 - Dec 31	1 adult fish, release Chinook and wild coho
<b>Lower Chehalis River</b>			
Hwy 101 Bridge to South Elma Bridge		Aug 1 - Sept 15	Release adult salmon (Fuller to South Elma, no bait allowed)
Hwy 101 Bridge to Fuller Bridge		Sept 16 - Nov 30	2 fish, release adult Chinook
		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1 fish, release Chinook
<b>Chehalis</b> (Fuller upstream) <b>and tributaries</b> (SGR Aug and Sept Wynoochee and Satsop)		Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 fish, release adult Chinook
		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1 fish, release Chinook
<b>Skookumchuck and Newaukum</b>		Oct 16 - Nov 30	2 fish, release adult Chinook
		Dec 1 - Dec 31	1 fish, release Chinook
<b>NT Commercial 2A/D</b>		Week of Sept 29th	Two 7-hour days, tangle net (South Channel closed)
		Week of Oct 20th	Two 12-hour days
		Week of Oct 27th	Two 12-hour days
		Week of Nov 3rd	Two 12-hour days
<b>NT Commercial 2C</b>		Week of Oct 20th	36-hour fishery
		Week of Oct 27th	One 12-hour day

# 2024 Willapa Bay Fisheries Proposal: Recreational

Recreational Regulations								
Area	Section	Season	Daily Limit	Adult daily Limit	2-Pole	2-Pole Upper Extent	Natural CHK Retention	Natural Coho Retention
Marine Area 2.1	NA	June 30 - July 31	Same as Marine Area 2 when open for salmon					
	Control Zone OPEN Aug & Sept	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	6	2	Yes	-	0	2
Willapa River	mouth upstream to Hwy 6 Bridge below Trap Crk	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	6	2	Yes	2nd Bridge on Camp One Rd.	0	0
	Hwy 6 upstream to Fork Creek	Aug. 16 - Jan. 31	6	2	Yes		0	0
	Mouth of Fork Creek to Hwy 6 Br (near Lebam)	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
SF Willapa River	mouth to bridge on Pehl Rd Bridge	Aug. 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
Fork Creek	Fork Crk Hatchery rack upstream 500' at the fishing boundary sign	Closed to ALL fishing						
North River	mouth upstream to Fall River	Oct 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	1
Smith Creek	mouth to Hwy 101 Bridge	Oct 1 - Dec 31	6	2	No	-	0	1
North Nemah River	Hwy 101 Br. to Nemah Valley Rd. Br.	Aug. 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	1
	Nemah Valley Rd. Br. Upstream to Hancock Property Line approx. 1.66 M	Closed to salmon fishing						
	Hancock Property Line upstream to temporary weir	Aug. 1 - Sept 15, Seniors Only*	6	2	No	-	0	1
	temporary weir upstream to Nemah Hat. Dam	Closed to ALL fishing						
	Nemah Hatchery dam upstream to N700 Rd	Oct 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	1
Middle Nemah River	mouth to bridge on Middle Nemah A-line Rd	Sept. 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
South Nemah River	mouth to confluence with Middle Nemah R.	Sept. 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
Palix River	Hwy 101 Bridge to mouth of Middle Fork	Sept 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
Niawiakum River	Hwy 101 Br. To the S. Bend/Palix Rd Br	Closed to salmon fishing						
Naselle River	mouth (Hwy 101) upstream to South Fork Naselle River	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	6	2	Yes	South Fork	0	0
	from South Fork Naselle River upstream to Hwy 4	Aug. 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
	Hwy 4 to 300' below hatchery attraction channel	Oct 16 - Jan. 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
	Attraction channel upstream to Crown Mainline Bridge	Oct 16 - Jan. 31	6	2	No	-	0	0
Bear River	Mouth upstream to Lime Quarry Rd	Sept 1 - Jan 31	6	2	No	-	0	1

\* Seniors defined as 70 years old and over

Blue = changes from last year's fishery represented in this model run



# 2024 Willapa Bay Fisheries Proposal: Commercial

Willapa Bay Proposed Commercial Fishery Days and Regulations							
2024 Dates	Stat Week	2T	2U	2N	2R	2M	Regulations
Aug 4 - 10	32	0	0	0	0	0	Closed
Aug 11 - 17	33	0	0	1	1	1	12 hr openings, CHK MSF and Chum Retention allowed, Tangle Net Only
Aug 18 - 24	34	0	0	2	2	1	
Aug 25 - 31	35	0	0	2	2	1	
Sept 1 - 7	36	0	0	0	0	0	Closed
Sept 8 - 14	37	0	0	2	2	1	12 hr openings, CHK MSF and Chum Retention allowed, Tangle Net Only
Sept 15 - 21	38	6	3	6	5	4	12 hr openings, CHK MSF & Chum Retention allowed. Gillnet small mesh gear. 2U Tangle net week 38 only.
Sept 22 - 28	39	6	3	6	5	4	
Sept 29 - Oct 5	40	5	4	5	5	5	
Oct 6 - 12	41	3	2	3	2	3	
Oct 13 - 19	42	3	1	3	2	2	
Oct 20 - 26	43	3	2	3	2	2	
Oct 27 - Nov 2	44	1	0	2	2	1	12 hr openings, CHK MSF & Chum Retention allowed. Gillnet small mesh gear.
Nov 3 - 9	45	1	0	2	2	2	
Nov 10 - 16	46	1	0	1	1	1	
Nov 17 - 23	47	1	2	2	2	2	
Nov 24 - 30	48	1	1	1	1	1	

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