

2025 North of Falcon Joint Willapa Bay & Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion #1

March 12, 2025



Public meeting guidelines and etiquette

- 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. 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 , if using a computer, click the hand/reactions icon at the bottom of your screen, and if in-person, please raise your hand.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 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](#).



Presentation Overview:

- Meeting Purpose
- Staff Introductions
- Regional North of Falcon Calendar
- APA Process
- Ocean Options
- 2025 Forecasts/Management Objectives/NALF
 - Willapa Bay
 - Grays Harbor
 - Queets & Quinault Rivers



Meeting Purpose:

- Provide information for public input
- Answer questions about the information and data
- Hear fisheries suggestions from the public for the 2025 salmon season

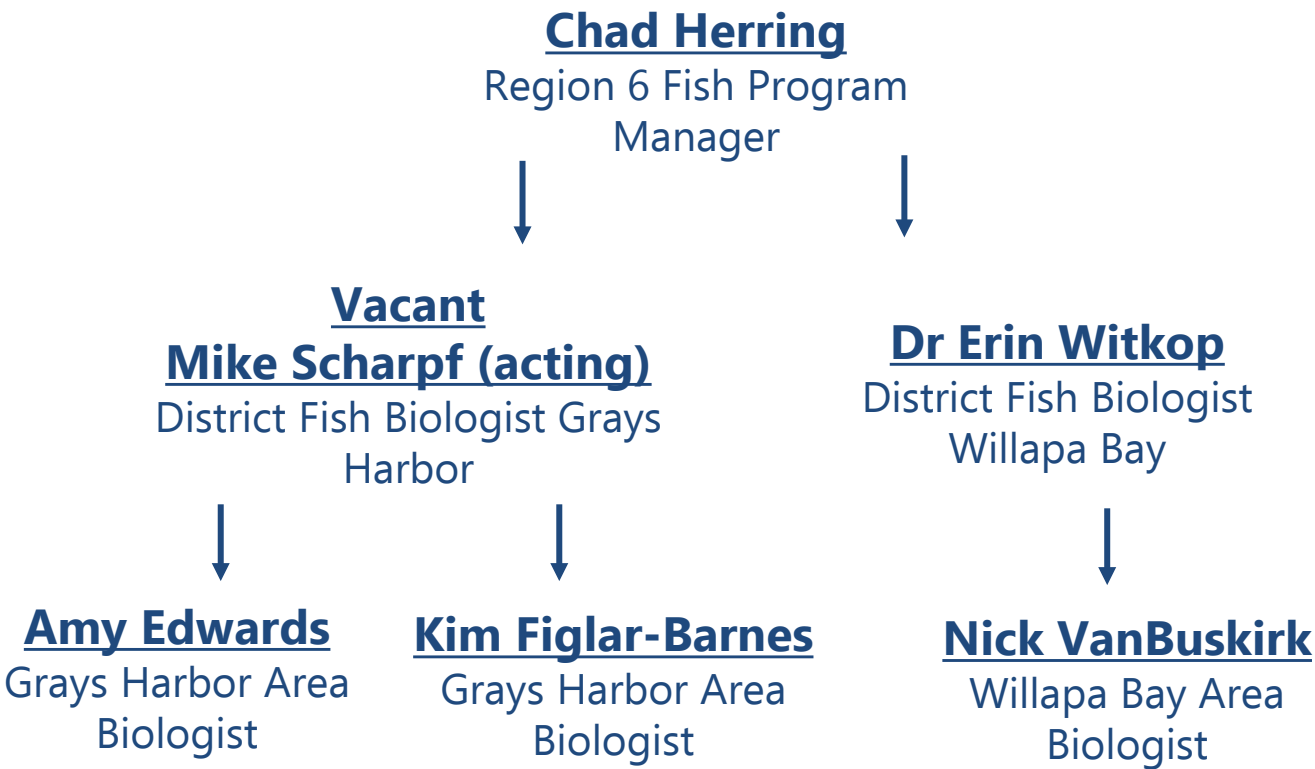


Staff Introductions:

Intergovernmental Salmon Management

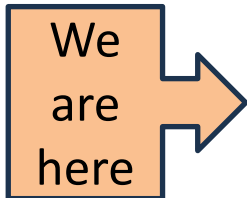


Region 6 Salmon Management



2025 Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor NOF Public Meeting Schedule:

DATE	EVENT
February 28	2025 Statewide Salmon Forecast Meeting (hybrid)
	9AM PST. Office Building 2 Auditorium, 1115 Washington St. SE. Olympia WA 98501. Register for Zoom Web Conference
March 5-11	Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting #1
	View Meeting Agenda
March 12	Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor joint fisheries discussion #1
	6-8pm PST. Register for Zoom Web Conference



Entire Schedule and links to individual meetings, including other regional meetings, can be found here:

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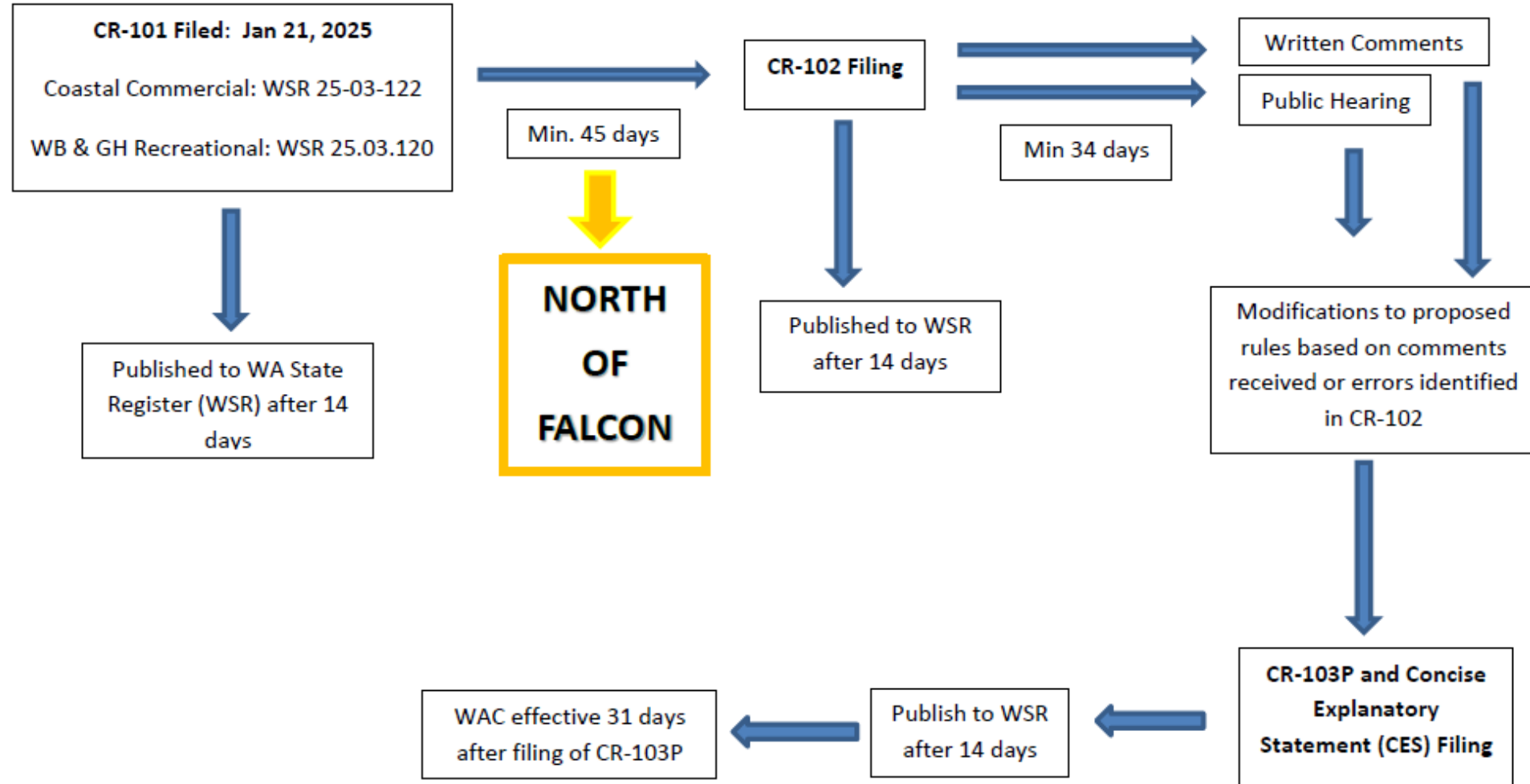
DATE	EVENT
March 19	North of Falcon Meeting #1 (hybrid)
	1115 Washington Street SE, Office Building 2 Auditorium, Olympia, WA 98504. Join Zoom Web Conference
March 25	North of Falcon Meeting #2
	20610 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036. Join Zoom Web Conference
April 2	Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor joint fisheries discussion #2
	6PM to 8PM PST. Join Zoom Web Conference
April 10-15	Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting #2
	View Meeting

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Administrative Procedure Act Process



Proposed Non-Treaty Ocean Quotas & Guidelines for 2025

Alternative #1	Alternative #2	Alternative #3
Chinook 122,500	Chinook 112,500	Chinook 92,500
Coho 120,000	Coho 115,000	Coho 85,000

[Link](#) to press release





2025 Forecasts & Management Objectives

2025 Willapa Bay Forecasts:

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Chinook	2,338	33,419	35,757
Coho Ocean Age 3 Forecasts	28,037	93,718	121,755
Chum	92,276	2,188	94,464



2025 Willapa Bay Management Objectives

- Chinook- 20% natural-origin impact rate cap for Willapa and Naselle rivers
- Chum – Escapement goal (35,400 natural-origin)
- Coho – Escapement goal (17,200 naturally spawning)



Willapa Bay NALF Model Output

2025 Willapa Bay Fishery Model Run Data Summary - North of Falcon

Preliminary Draft

Model	Expected Natural Chinook Impact Rate		Expected Escapement			Willapa Bay Total Expected Harvest						Allocation % by Sector			
	Willapa River Objective ≤ 20%	Naselle River Objective ≤ 20%	Natural Origin Chinook Goal = 4,353	Naturally Spawning Coho Goal = 17,200 (13,600 Natural Origin)	Chum Total Goal = 35,400	Chinook - Hatchery Origin Retention		Coho Total *		Chum		Chinook		Coho	
						Rec	Comm	Rec	Comm	Rec	Comm	Rec	Comm	Rec	Comm
A - NALF New abundances, last year's fisheries	14.9%	16.6%	1,984	52,340 (15,443)	52,207	4,245	5,319	6,236	35,478	143	42,114	44.4%	55.6%	14.9%	85.1%

Green = Meets management objective

Red = Does not meet management objective

Chinook MSF = Mark Selective Fishery for all of Willapa Bay

*Recreational coho total includes marine and freshwater natural & hatchery coho expected harvest where applicable; Commercial coho total includes hatchery and natural coho expected harvest



2025 Grays Harbor Forecasts:

Chehalis

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Spring Chinook	1,481	0	1,481
Fall Chinook	10,497	719	11,216
Coho (incl. South Bay) Ocean Age 3 Forecasts	58,043	63,627	121,670



2025 Grays Harbor Forecasts:

Humptulips

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Fall Chinook	3,727	3,170	6,897
Coho Ocean Age 3 Forecasts	4,141	24,178	28,319

Grays Harbor

Chum	146,925	4,988	151,913
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2025 Quinault & Queets Coho Forecasts

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Quinault River Ocean Age 3 Forecasts	26,001	37,304	63,305
Queets River Ocean Age 3 Forecasts	11,122	9,736	20,858



2025 Grays Harbor and Queets Management Objectives

Grays Harbor

- No Chehalis Spring Chinook fishery
- Fall Chinook (escapement goal 13,326 natural spawning)
- Coho (escapement goal 35,400 natural spawning)
 - Maximum Pacific Salmon Treaty exploitation rate 50%
- Chum (escapement goal 21,000 natural-origin)

Queets River

- Queets coho (rebuilding status)



Grays Harbor NALF Model Output

CHEHALIS RIVER BASIN									
	Chinook			Coho			Chum		
	Natural	Hatchery	Total	Natural	Hatchery	Total	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Forecasted abundance	10,497	719	11,216	52,677	52,713	105,390	146,925	4,988	151,931
WDFW-managed fishery NALF	302	101	403	10,329	9,720	20,049			12,406
Expected Escapement	8,155	272	8,428	25,599	29,387	54,987			N/A
HUMPTULIPS RIVER BASIN									
	Chinook			Coho			Chum		
	Natural	Hatchery	Total	Natural	Hatchery	Total	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Forecasted abundance	3,727	3,170	6,897	3,759	19,764	23,523	146,925	4,988	151,931
WDFW-managed fishery NALF	110	660	770	124	3,150	3,274			898
Expected Escapement	2,890	2,314	5,204	1,771	12,263	14,034			
GRAYS HARBOR TOTALS									
	Chinook			Coho			Chum		
	Natural	Hatchery	Total	Natural	Hatchery	Total	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Forecasted abundance	14,224	3,889	18,113	56,436	72,477	128,913	146,925	4,988	151,931
WDFW-managed fishery NALF	412	761	1,174	10,453	12,870	23,323			13,304
Natural Spawning Escapement	12,557			32,927					105,017
GH Coho PST Maximum ER 50%				56%					



Questions?

**Link to submit NOF-related public comments
electronically:**

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