

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>

2025 North of Falcon #2

March 25, 2025



Agenda

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

Breakout Meetings

- Puget Sound Recreational
- Puget Sound Commercial
- Other Coastal/Columbia River

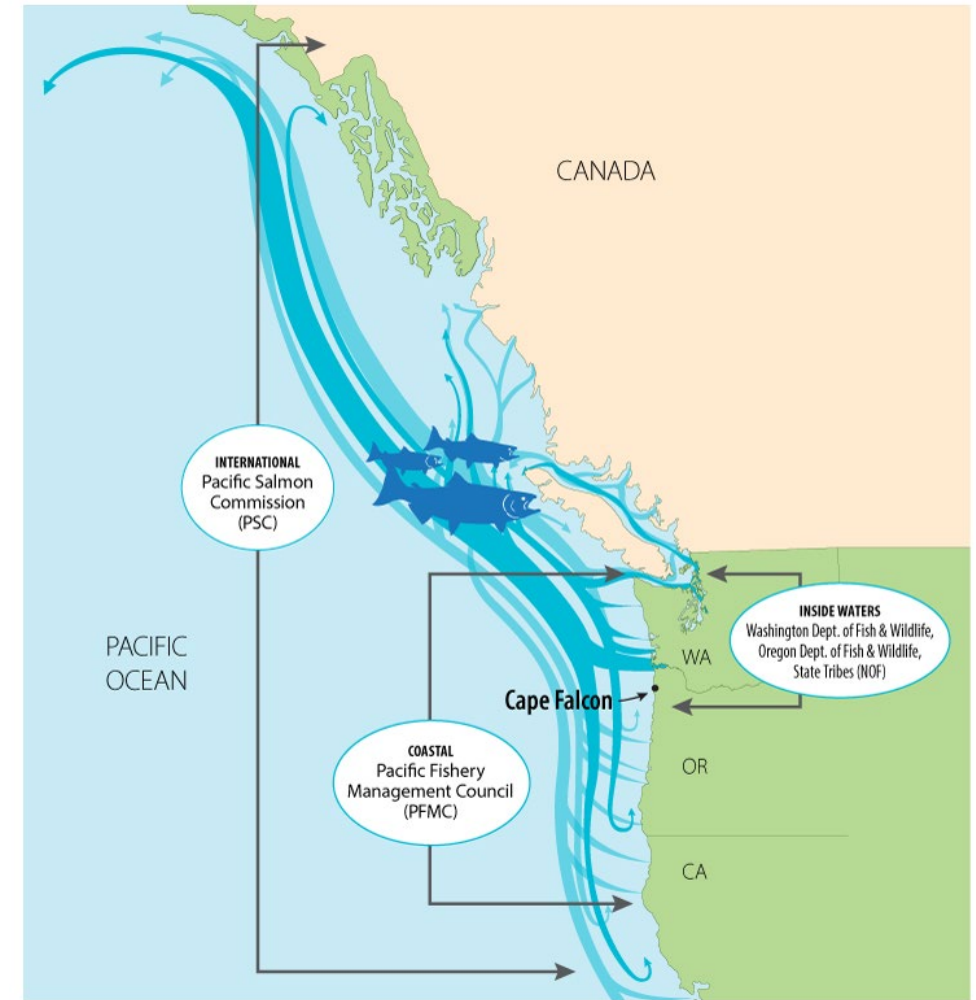
What is North of Falcon?

- 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?

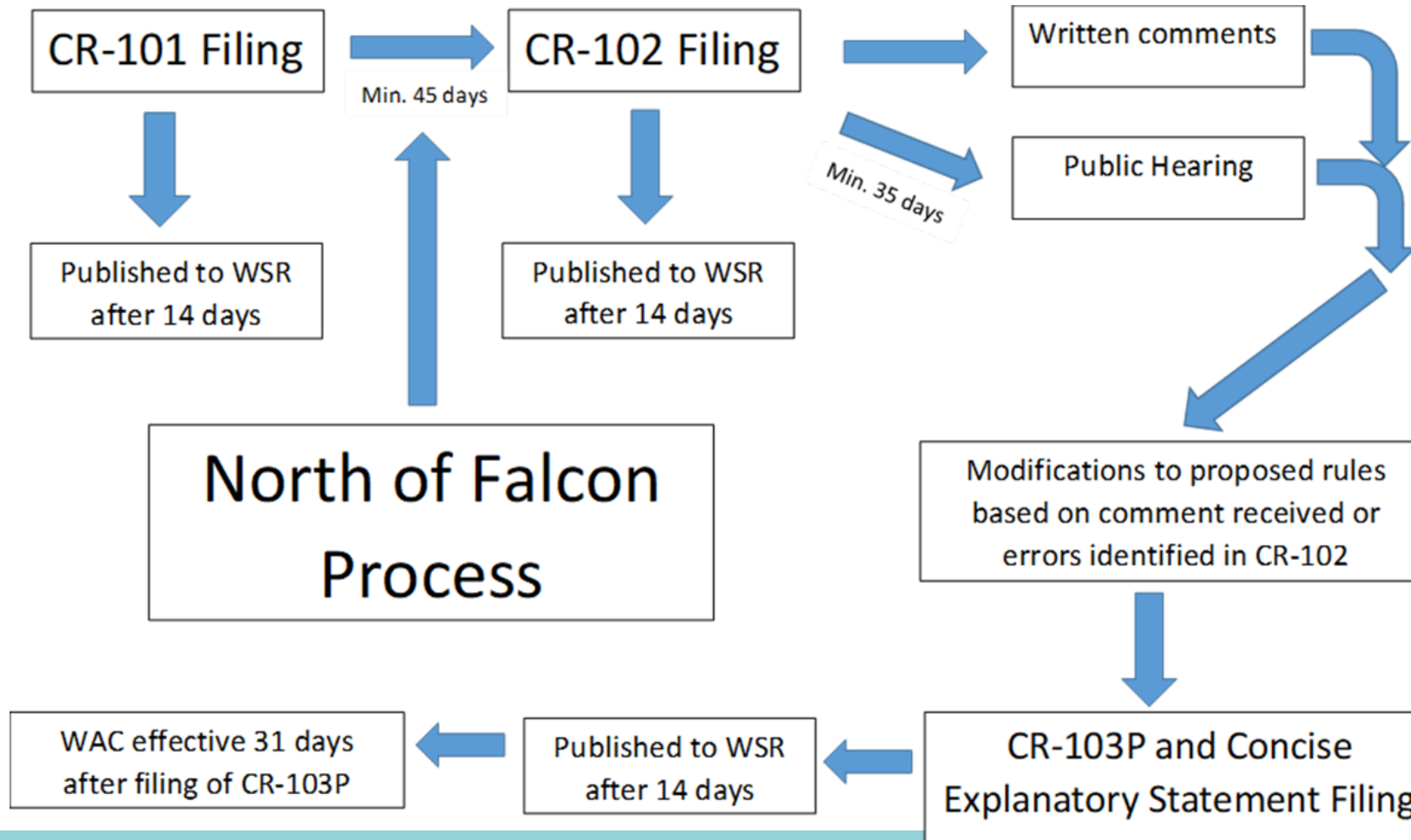
Fishery managers must weigh many factors when developing salmon seasons, including:

- 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



2025 Salmon Fishery Rulemaking

Administrative Procedure Act Process



Proposed non-treaty ocean quotas for 2025

Alternative #1		Alternative # 2		Alternative # 3	
2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
		Chinook			
122,500	85,000	112,500	78,000	92,500	72,000
		Coho			
120,000	105,000	115,000	95,000	85,000	80,000

Ocean preliminary modeling

Key Stock	Management Criteria (Total ER)	Mid Ocean Option (Chin-1425, Coho-2514)
Columbia Lower River Tules (Chinook)	41%	40.4%
Lower Columbia River Natural (Coho)	23%	13.9% (marine)
Grays Harbor Natural Coho	50%	54.8%
Queets Natural Coho	36%	32.9%
Hoh River Natural Coho	63%	52.3%
Oregon Coastal Natural Coho	30%	24.8%
Interior Fraser River (Thompson) Coho (Canada)	10% SUS ER	10.3%

Chinook Modeling Results (Model #1425)

	Management Criteria			Model Prediction			
Stock	Abundance Tier	ER Ceiling	ER Type	Escapement	Total ER	SUS ER	PT-SUS ER
Spring/Early:							
Nooksack - Total		10.9%	SUS		51.3%	<u>13.0%</u>	6.8%
North/Middle Fork	< LAT			30			
South Fork	> LAT			414			
Skagit - Total	> LAT	36.0%	Total	1,445	<u>28.8%</u>	<u>16.8%</u>	4.0%
Upper Sauk	> LAT			894			
Upper Cascade	> LAT			179			
Suiattle	> LAT			372			
White	> UMT	22.0%	SUS	1,344	22.9%	<u>18.1%</u>	6.2%
Dungeness	> UMT	10.0%	SUS	1,427	20.8%	<u>6.0%</u>	6.0%
Summer/Fall:							
Skagit - Total	< LAT	17.0%	SUS	6,932	48.8%	<u>25.9%</u>	5.3%
Upper Skagit	> LAT			5,155			
Sauk	< LAT			298			
Lower Skagit	> LAT			1,129			
Stillaguamish							
Unmarked ER	> LAT	9.0%	UM SUS	1,135	32.4%	<u>13.3%</u>	7.7%
Marked ER		14.0%	M SUS		38.9%	<u>17.7%</u>	12.5%
Snohomish - Total		20.0%	Total	2,857	19.2%	<u>8.9%</u>	8.2%
Skykomish	< LAT	8.3%	SUS	2,054			
Snoqualmie				803			
Lake WA (Cedar R.)	> UMT	14.0%	PT-SUS	779	37.2%	25.7%	<u>15.3%</u>
Green	> UMT	14.0%	PT-SUS	3,272	59.5%	48.1%	<u>15.3%</u>
				5,792			
Puyallup	> UB	14.0%	PT-SUS	3,184	56.8%	45.4%	<u>15.3%</u>
				6,066			
Nisqually	> LAT	47%	Total	7,096	<u>46.8%</u>	40.3%	18.0%
Western Strait-Hoko	> UMT	11%	SUS	1,539	24.2%	<u>2.0%</u>	2.0%
Elwha	> LAT	10%	SUS	3,691	21.2%	<u>6.5%</u>	6.4%
Mid-Hood Canal	< LAT	NA	ESC Change	6	27.5%	18.6%	17.7%
Skokomish	NA	50%	Total	3,436	<u>51.0%</u>	42.2%	18.4%
				16,018			



Current coho modeling - Puget Sound

Management Unit	ER CEILING	Low (2515)	Mid (2514)	High (2513)
Skagit	60%	46.7%	48%	48.6%
Stilly	50%	33.2%	33.5%	34%
Snohomish	40%	34.4%	35.3%	35.8%
Hood Canal	TBD	44%	45.1%	45.7%
Juan de Fuca tribs	40%	9.7%	10.9%	11.7%
Interior Fraser (Thompson)	10% SUS	8.7%	10.3%	11.3%

2025 NOF meeting schedule

Date	Meeting
March 25	North of Falcon #2 – statewide proposals
April 1	Coastal freshwater and Puget Sound recreational fisheries
April 2	Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor fisheries
April 3	Columbia River Fisheries: Buoy 10 to Highway 395 Bridge
April 3	Puget Sound freshwater and Puget Sound recreational fisheries
April 9-15	Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting – San Jose, CA

Registrations links and meeting materials are available on the [WDFW website](#).

Questions/comments?



Puget Sound recreational and commercial breakout discussions