

## 2025 COLUMBIA RIVER NORTH OF FALCON PUBLIC MEETING

April 3, 10:00-2:00pm

**Address:** WDFW Ridgefield Regional Office, 5525 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

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### AGENDA

- ❖ **Introductions, Schedule and Process (10:00am)**
  - Ground rules
  - Staff introductions
  - Meeting materials, public input, and next steps overview
- ❖ **Fishery Guidance and Conservation Objectives (10:20am)**
- ❖ **2024 Returns and Fisheries Review (10:30am)**
  - Returns and conservation objectives
  - Non-treaty fisheries review
- ❖ **Considerations for 2025 Fisheries (10:45am)**
  - Forecasts, conservation objectives and policy guidance
  - Preseason modeling considerations (non-treaty NOF ocean and Columbia River)
  - Public questions and comments
- ❖ **Breakouts (~11:30am)**
  - **Recreational Discussion** – Main conference room
    - Fishery modeling rationale and assumptions
    - Mainstem summer/fall (Buoy 10 to Highway 395 Bridge)
    - WA tributaries (downstream of McNary Dam)
    - Discussion
  - **Commercial Discussion** – Room 116
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    - Summer/fall
    - Discussion

### NEXT STEPS

- ❖ 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.
  - Additional comments can be submitted at the following link, preferably by April 6 in order to be considered in advance of the PFMC meeting:  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-input>
- ❖ April (10-15) PFMC: <https://www.pccouncil.org/council-meetings/upcoming-meeting/>
- ❖ Results and planned seasons from 2025 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 may be rotated between in-person and virtual giving preference to those who have not yet provided input.
  - If you are attending the meeting in person and wish to be added to the speaking list to provide comment, please raise your hand and state your name.
  - If you are attending virtually or calling in and wish to be added to the speaking list to provide comment, 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. You can alternatively come off mute and state your name.
  - 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.
  - Keep discussions focused on the agenda items and questions at hand. Personal attacks, threats, or insults towards individuals, governments, or organizations are prohibited.
  - Always speak and act professionally – no offensive, disrespectful, or derogatory language, including profanity.
  - Listen respectfully and openly while others are speaking.
  - To ensure a balanced discussion, please limit the length and frequency of your comments to allow others an opportunity to speak.
  - 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.