

# D.7 FURTHER DIRECTION ON 2025 MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Council Task:

Provide any needed guidance to assist the STT in its analysis of the tentative management measures.

## **WDFW Salmon Management Guidance:**

**Agenda Item D.7.a., Supplemental STT Report 1, dated April 14, 2025**

**Implement the following changes:**

### **TABLE 1**

**WDFW Commercial Management Alternatives – beginning on page 1**

#### **U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (spring season)**

- Adjust the catch limit for the season to 36,800 Chinook
- Adjust the catch limit for the area between the U.S./Canada border and Queets River to 8,000 Chinook
- Adjust U.S./Canada border to Queets River to 100 Chinook per vessel per landing week
- Adjust Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon to 80 Chinook per vessel per landing week

## **U.S./Canada Border to Cape Falcon (summer season)**

- Adjust the catch limit for the season to 24,450 Chinook
- Adjust the landing and possession limit for July 1-9 to 60 coho per vessel for that period.
- Adjust the landing and possession limit beginning July 10 to 60 coho per vessel per landing week

### **TABLE 2**

#### **WDFW Recreational Management Alternatives – beginning on page 7**

### **Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon (Columbia River Subarea)**

- Adjust season to June 25 through earlier of September 30
  - Open 7 days week, all salmon, two salmon per day, no more than one of which may be a Chinook. Coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip.

#### **Quinault Tribal Guidance:**

Maximize the tribal harvest of the adult Klamath river fall chinook per the harvest control rule and a 50/50 non-tribal share.

## Quinault Treaty Area Tribal Testimony

The QTA Tribes oppose extending the Treaty Troll fishery through September 30. Any proposal to modify the Treaty Troll season length or evaluate impacts through test fishing must be developed jointly and agreed to by all affected co-managers.

We are committed to working with the co-managers to develop a multi-year genetic-based test fishery in all North of Falcon ocean management areas to improve understanding of shifts in stock composition through September.

For several decades, the Treaty troll season has extended from May 1 – September 15 and has provided sufficient opportunity to harvest annual chinook and coho quotas. The Treaty Troll fishery has been closed no later than September 15 as a precautionary measure to reduce the risk of overharvesting Washington north coast natural-origin coho stocks as coho originating from the Fraser River, Columbia River and Puget Sound migrate away from the Washington north coast. As a precautionary measure, we request that all ocean fisheries (treaty troll, nontreaty commercial and recreational) off the Washington coast be closed no later than September 15th.