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### **Salmon fishing off Westport (Marine Area 2) will switch to coho non-select beginning Aug. 27**

OLYMPIA – Salmon anglers at Westport (Marine Area 2) will be allowed to retain all coho beginning Aug. 27, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife fishery managers announced today.

The recreational fishery is open for coho only from Aug. 27 through Sept. 30 or until the quota is achieved, whichever comes first, from the Queets River to Leadbetter Point (Westport subarea). The adjusted non-mark-selective coho quota in Marine Area 2 is 14,000. Fishing is also open Aug. 25-26 for marked coho only.

“Converting the remaining coho quota from mark-selective to non-selective required a significant reduction in the Marine Area 2 quota number to ensure the change does not increase the fishery impact to any of our wild coho stocks,” said Kyle Adicks, the WDFW intergovernmental salmon manager. “This change should increase the quality of the fishery and allow anglers to attain their daily coho limits faster, while also decreasing the impact of releasing more Chinook and wild coho than anticipated.”

Coho fishing has been good most of the summer although WDFW noticed lower coho mark rates in Marine Area 2 compared to Neah Bay, La Push and Ilwaco (Marine Areas 4, 3 and 1), which will remain open as a marked selective fishery for coho.

This change for Marine Area 2 was developed with input from and support from the ocean fishery advisors and was adopted by National Oceanic Atmospheric Association (NOAA) for Federal waters concurrently with WDFW for state waters.

The daily limit is two salmon. Coho minimum size is 16". Other salmon species no minimum size. Release all Chinook.

Anglers should check the emergency rules on the WDFW website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/emergency-rules>. Several other marine areas are currently open for salmon fishing and can be found on the WDFW website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/summaries>. Additional information about this year's sport salmon fisheries and the North of Falcon salmon season setting process can be found at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon>.

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### **Buoy 10 fishery closing to Chinook retention; coho retention remains open**

OLYMPIA – Fishery managers from Washington and Oregon announced Monday that the Columbia River's Buoy 10 fishery will close for Chinook salmon retention beginning Wednesday, Aug. 31.

The fishery – which stretches from Buoy 10 near the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to the west end of Puget Island -- opened for Chinook retention Aug. 1, and was originally slated to close Sept. 8. With catch and impact rates significantly higher than expected, managers announced that the salmon fishery would switch to coho-only ahead of the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

"The holiday weekend is always a busy time at this popular fishery, and these modifications are needed to help ensure Buoy 10 and other salmon fishing opportunities can remain open," said Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River fishery manager with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). "Chinook catches were more than double the pre-season expectation since the fishery switched to non-mark selective regulations on Aug. 25, and we needed to take quick action to ensure we're meeting our conservation goals for 2022."

In particular, that means limiting further impacts on wild lower river "tule" Chinook, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Hatchery coho retention remains open, with a minimum size of 16 inches and a daily limit of two fish. Anglers must release all salmon other than hatchery coho.

Chinook retention also remains open on portions of the Columbia River upstream of the west end of Puget Island. Anglers are encouraged to [review the 2022-23 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet](#) for the regulations on the specific section of river they hope to fish, and [check for potential emergency rule updates](#) to this and other fisheries before heading out.

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