Ocean Salmon Management Program

Preliminary 2026 Oregon Ocean Recreational Salmon Estimates:

Leadbetter Pt., WA and Cape Falcon, OR (Columbia River Catch Area)

Season: Open June 20 through **August 24, and September 4 through 8** ~~earlier of September 30 or quota~~. Bag limit of two salmon per day, closed to Chinook retention and possession from August 18 onwards, ~~but no more than one Chinook~~, and all Coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Min. lengths: Coho 16", Chinook 22", and steelhead 20". Coho quota: 51,450 Chinook guideline: 16,780. Columbia River Control Zone closed to salmon angling from a boat.

Preliminary Total Landings through 9/13/2026

	Chinook Landed		Coho Landed	
Oregon	6,748		22,616	
Washington	9,299		29,676	
Total Landings	**16,047**		**52,292**	
	Percent of Chinook Guideline (16,780)	**95.6%**	**Percent of Mark Selective Coho Quota (51,450)**	**101.6%**

Preliminary Oregon Effort and Catch (Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR) through 9/13/2026

Week or Period	No. Angler Trips	No. Fish Harvested		No. Fish Released		Retained Catch per Angler
		Coho	Chinook	Coho	Chinook	
June 8-14						NA
June 15-21	63	9	39	1	18	0.76
June 22-28	391	92	132	19	17	0.57
Jun. 29-Jul. 5	786	723	462	205	239	1.51
July 6-12	1,521	2,385	279	1,022	293	1.75
July 13-19	1,108	1,323	409	662	343	1.56
July 20-26	1,289	1,593	483	977	651	1.61
Jul. 27-Aug. 2	2,519	3,426	857	2,051	707	1.70
August 3-9	3,382	3,448	1,599	1,937	846	1.49
August 10-16	5,572	5,322	2,454	3,476	1,696	1.40
August 17-23	1,256	2,095	31	1,254	326	1.69
August 24-30	92	128		106		1.39
Aug. 31 - Sept. 6	796	1,260		1,325	19	1.58
Sept. 7-13	450	812	3	921	3	1.81
Sept. 14-20						NA
Sept. 21-27						NA
Sept. 28-Oct. 4						NA
Total	**19,225**	**22,616**	**6,748**	**13,956**	**5,158**	**1.53**

Note: **Red shading** indicates when season closed.

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Preliminary WA & OR Effort & Catch (Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR) through 9/13/2026

Week or Period	No. Angler Trips	No. Fish Harvested		Retained Catch per Angler
		Coho	Chinook	
June 8-14				NA
June 15-21	333	26	240	0.76
June 22-28	921	282	334	0.67
Jun. 29-Jul. 5	2,652	2,291	1,570	1.46
July 6-12	4,022	6,024	987	1.74
July 13-19	3,355	3,739	1,529	1.57
July 20-26	3,387	3,784	1,375	1.52
Jul. 27-Aug. 2	6,222	7,567	2,121	1.56
August 3-9	7,456	6,328	3,144	1.27
August 10-16	11,988	10,588	4,555	1.26
August 17-23	4,095	6,253	185	1.57
August 24-30	272	424	0	1.56
Aug. 31 - Sept. 6	2,029	3,247	4	1.60
Sept. 7-13	957	1,739	3	1.82
Sept. 14-20				NA
Sept. 21-27				NA
Sept. 28-Oct. 4				NA
Total	**47,689**	**52,292**	**16,047**	1.43

Note: **Red shading** indicates when season closed. **Blue shading** indicates partial week opening.

US/Canada Border to Cape Falcon, OR
Effort and Catch by Area

Supplemental Information Provided by Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

	Angler Trips	Selective Coho Quotas	Chinook Area Guidelines and Overall Quota	Selective Fishery Landed Coho	% of Selective Coho Quota	Landed Chinook	% of Chinook Guideline	Updated Through
Neah Bay Ocean Catch Area	21,290	10,700	13,110	10,226	95.6%	8,609	65.7%	23-Aug
La Push Ocean Catch Area	2,345	2,680	2,200	1,641	61.2%	934	42.5%	30-Aug
Westport Ocean Catch Area	33,500	38,070	21,910	25,104	65.9%	22,279	101.7%	30-Aug
Columbia River Ocean Catch Area	47,689	51,450	16,780	52,292	101.6%	16,047	95.6%	13-Sep
Total	**104,824**	**102,900**	**54,000**	**89,263**		**47,869**		

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In-season Management Actions Related to the 2026 Sport Ocean Salmon Seasons between Leadbetter Pt., WA and Cape Falcon, OR:

8/26/2026

• Effective 12:01 AM Friday, September 4, 2026, the ocean recreational fishery in the area between Cape Falcon and Leadbetter Point (Columbia River Subarea) is open to fishing for salmon. Two salmon per day. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip. Chinook may not be retained. Possession of Chinook onboard a vessel is prohibited. Columbia River Control Zone is closed. That portion of the Columbia River ocean subarea north of 46° 15' N and east of 124° 08.667' W is closed to fishing for salmon (see map below).

• Effective 11:59 PM Tuesday, September 8, 2026, the ocean recreational fishery in the area between Cape Falcon and Leadbetter Point (Columbia River Subarea) is closed to fishing for salmon. Possession of salmon on board a vessel is prohibited in the Columbia River Subarea.

8/21/2026

•Effective 11:59 PM Monday August 24, 2026, the ocean recreational salmon fishery in the area between Cape Falcon and Leadbetter Point (Columbia River subarea) is closed. Possession of ocean salmon within the area from August 25 onwards is prohibited.

8/17/2026

•Effective 11:59 PM Monday August 17, 2026, for the ocean recreational fishery in the area between Cape Falcon and Leadbetter Point (Columbia River subarea), the retention and possession of Chinook salmon is prohibited. The area remains open with a daily limit of 2 salmon (except Chinook) and all coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip.