



North of Falcon Process

Each year state, federal and tribal fishery managers gather to plan the Northwest's recreational and commercial salmon fisheries. This salmon season-setting process is known as North of Falcon (NOF). NOF refers to northern Oregon's Cape Falcon, the southern border of active management for Washington salmon stocks. Salmon migrate and are intercepted by fisheries from California up to Alaska. The NOF process coincides with meetings of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the federal authority responsible for setting ocean salmon seasons 3 to 200 miles off the Pacific coast. NOF also functions in tandem with the Pacific Salmon Commission's Pacific Salmon Treaty agreements, which guide the conservation and management of salmon fisheries for the U.S. and Canada.

