

## 2025 Willapa Bay NOF Fishery Suggestions or Comments Received from the Public

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Includes emails, texts, and online portal comments that have been received to-date

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### **General**

- Concern for natural origin Chinook impacts with this year's lower forecast
- Provide more notice when the fishery is going to close in-season
- Model fisheries for 20% on NOR Chinook impact rate

### **Commercial**

- Use 1 live box chamber in November
- Fish 7 days/week after September 15 to access additional coho

### **Recreational**

#### General

- Raise the Chinook natural origin impact rate for the recreational fishery and lower the impact rate for the commercial sector

#### Naselle River

- From the confluence of the South Fork upstream to Hwy 4 Bridge from Aug 1 – Oct 15 ADD: Bait or lure must be suspended below a float except for when trolling.
- Modify language to read: It is unlawful to possess a fish that was not hooked in the mouth (2 comments) from August 1 – October 15
- From the full spanning concrete diversion structure upstream to at least the Bighill Bridge from Oct 16 – Jan 31 ADD: Prohibit fishing from a floating device (3 comments)
- From Bighill Bridge to Hwy 4 Bridge: Ban professional fishing rafts, drift boats
- Monitor the properties on the river better and ticket those who trespass, leave garbage and snag fish
- Keep the river closed until at least mid-October from Hwy 4 Bridge upstream (2 comments)
- Allow 1 natural coho retention (2 comments)

#### Willapa River

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