



2019 Ocean Salmon Fishery Information

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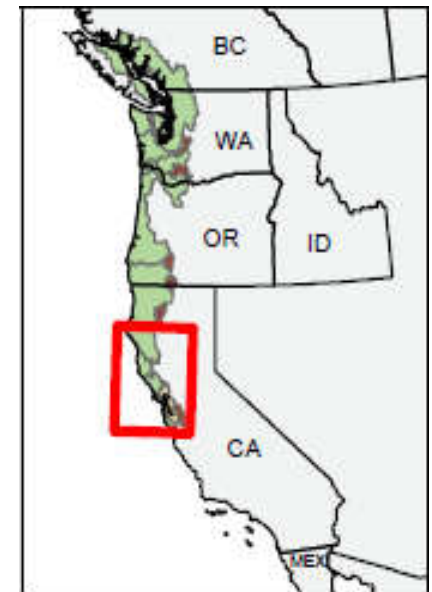
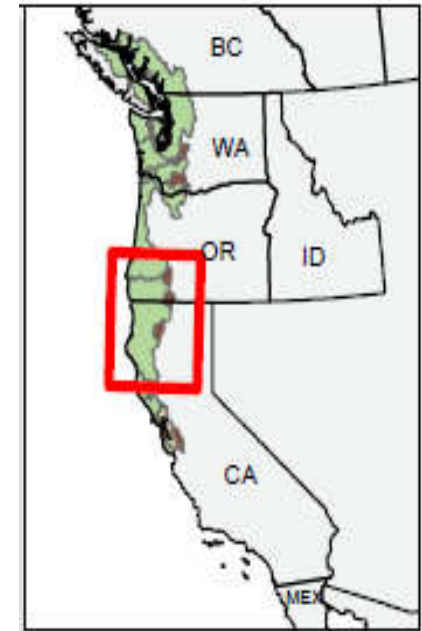
- All Guidance Preliminary; final at March Council Meeting

Indicator Stock	NOAA Guidance
Sacramento River fall Chinook	2019 recommendation is to follow the Salmon FMP which requires the Council to structure Council area fisheries to reduce the likelihood of the stock remaining overfished and to mitigate the effects on stock status. (forecasts will be covered in Michael O'Farrell's presentation)
Klamath River fall Chinook	

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Stocks

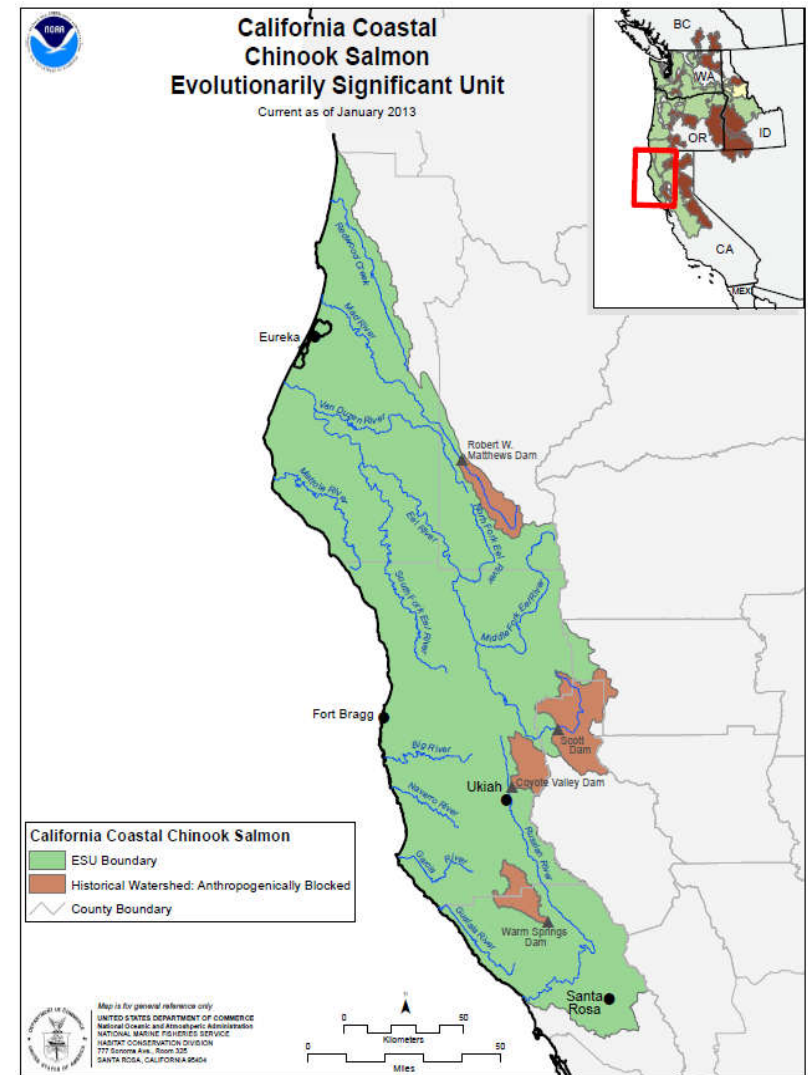
Coho Salmon

- Prohibit coho-directed fisheries off CA;
- Prohibit coho retention in Chinook-directed fisheries off CA
- Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho
 - ESA – Threatened
 - Recovery plan released September 2014 (79 FR 58750) – Current Steps: workshops to develop implementation plan
- Central California Coastal Coho
 - ESA – Endangered
 - Final recovery plan released 2012
 - Current Steps: Species in the Spotlight designation with NOAA Fisheries and the CDFW formed a “Priority Action Coho Team” to assemble State and Federal recovery plan priorities and actions



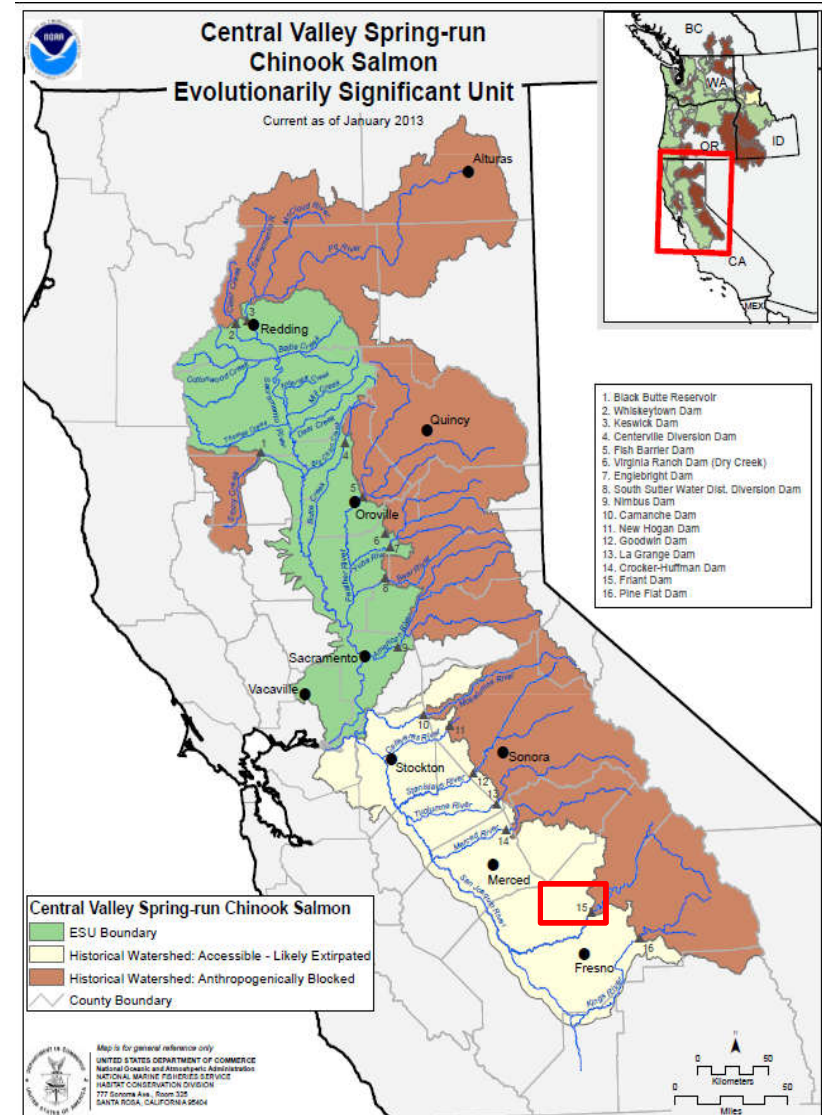
California Coastal Chinook Salmon

- ESA-threatened
- Multi-species recovery plan was available for public comment through January 2016 (80 FR 75066)
- A maximum Klamath River fall Chinook age-4 ocean harvest rate of 16.0%



Central Valley Spring Chinook Salmon

- ESA-threatened
- Recovery plan adopted July 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Current framework continues to provide sufficient protection



Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

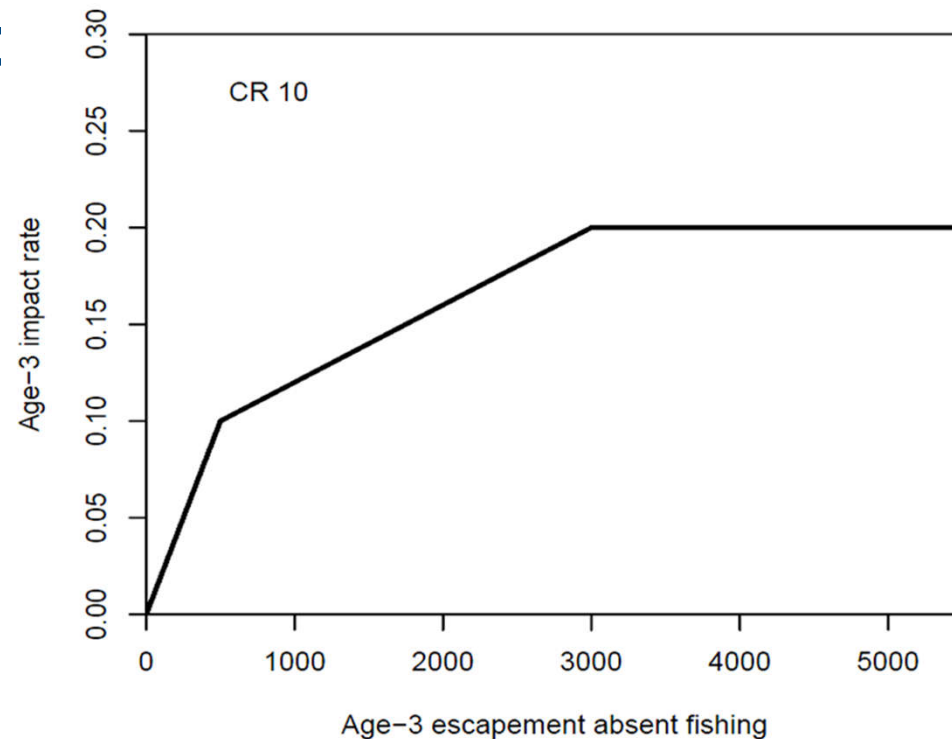
- ESA – Endangered
- Recovery plan adopted July 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Guidance for 2018:
 - Continuation of consultation standards on minimum size limits and seasonal windows
 - Circle hook restrictions while mooching in the recreational fishery between Horse Mountain and Point Conception

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- In December 2017, the Council formally requested that NOAA Fisheries consider this new harvest control rule for use in managing fisheries that affect winter-run Chinook in 2018 and beyond
- NMFS finalized that opinion in 2018.

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- Here is the new HCR:



- Based on this new rule NMFS preliminary guidance for an allowable impact rate in 2019 is: 15.7%

Thank You

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