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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

Based on additional analyses and subsequent consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the previously adopted recreational seasons for wild coho in the Siletz, Yaquina, and Alsea basins can be lengthened to provide additional harvest opportunity for anglers while remaining within allowable ESA constraints (e.g., still be protective of the resource). The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) sets seasons consistent with the Wildlife Policy, ORS 496.012, which directs management "to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state." The Commission requested ODFW staff to evaluate if additional November fishing opportunity could be provided in the Siletz, Yaquina, and Alsea basins beyond the seasons adopted by the Commission on August 15, 2025, and yet still consistent with analyses and evaluation by NMFS with respect to protection to affected populations.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

Fisheries are managed to provide recreational fishing opportunities while meeting species- or stock-specific allocations and remaining within ESA guidelines.

Failure to adopt this rule would cause serious prejudice to the public interest because recreational anglers would not be provided adequate opportunity to harvest their allowable share of this valuable resource. This immediate action also prevents consequent adverse impact on communities that enjoy this recreational opportunity, including any commercial benefits that may arise from the change.

Failure to immediately amend the rule would result in this loss of opportunity because there is insufficient time to initiate the permanent rulemaking process to modify these fisheries by the first date that may be added consistent with resource protection.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

1. Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting Exhibit F: 2025 Regulations for wild coho salmon in Oregon coastal streams; August 15, 2025.

2. Final 2025 NMFS Addendum Concurrence OR Coast Coho Fisheries; September 12, 2025.

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking [the above document(s)] are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Linda Spansel at 503-947-6233 or Linda.D.Spansel@odfw.oregon.gov to view by appointment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

RULES:

635-014-0500, 635-014-0510

AMEND: 635-014-0500

SUSPEND: Temporary 635-014-0500 from DFW 97-2025

RULE TITLE: North Coast District

RULE SUMMARY: This amended rule will add days to the wild coho recreational fishery in the Siletz River including Drift and Schooner creeks (Nov 15-16), the Yaquina River including Big Elk Creek (Nov 1-16), and the Alsea River (Nov 8-16).

RULE TEXT:

(1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

(2) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Necanicum River:

(a) From August 1 through November 30, the daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish;

(b) From August 1 through November 30, no more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period; and

(c) From December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.

(3) Effective July 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Nehalem River and Bay and in the North Fork Nehalem River:

(a) From July 1 through November 30, the daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish and no more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained in aggregate for the period; and

(b) From December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.

(4) Effective September 10 through October 26, 2025, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the following regulations apply in the Nehalem Bay from the tips of the jetties upstream to the Miami-Foley Road Bridge and in the North Fork Nehalem River from the mouth upstream to the North Fork Road Bridge at Aldervale:

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

(5) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in Tillamook Bay, Tillamook River, Wilson River, Trask River, Kilchis River, and Miami River:

(a) From August 1 through November 30, the following regulations apply:

(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and

(B) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.

(b) From December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.

(6) Effective September 10 through October 26, 2025, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the following regulations apply in Tillamook Bay from the tips of the jetties upstream to the Highway 101 bridges on the Miami, Kilchis, Wilson, and Trask Rivers and upstream to the Burton Bridge on the Tillamook River:

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

(7) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Nestucca River and Bay, the Little Nestucca River, and Three Rivers:

(a) From August 1 through November 30, the following regulations apply:

(A) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and

(B) No more than five adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.

(b) From December 1 through December 31, angling for, and retention of, all Chinook salmon is closed.

(8) Effective September 10 through October 26, 2025, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the following regulations apply in the Nestucca Bay from the river mouth upstream to the Cloverdale Bridge and in the Little Nestucca River from the bay upstream to the Highway 130 Bridge (MP 1.2):

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

(9) All other permanent rules for the Northwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 496.162

AMEND: 635-014-0510

SUSPEND: Temporary 635-014-0510 from DFW 97-2025

RULE TITLE: Mid-Coast District

RULE SUMMARY: This amended rule will add days to the wild coho recreational fishery in the Siletz River including Drift and Schooner creeks (Nov 15-16), the Yaquina River including Big Elk Creek (Nov 1-16), and the Alsea River (Nov 8-16).

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.
- (2) Effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Salmon River.
- (3) Effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Siletz River and Drift Creek (Siletz Basin, Lincoln Co.) in aggregate.
- (4) Effective September 13 through November 16, 2025, the following regulations apply in the Siletz River, Drift Creek, and Schooner Creek upstream to Erickson Creek:
 - (a) From September 13 through November 16, retention of wild coho salmon is allowed from the mouth upstream to an ODFW marker sign approximately 1,200 feet upstream of the Ojalla Bridge;
 - (b) From October 7 through November 16, retention of wild coho salmon is allowed from the mouth upstream to the Illahee Boat Ramp;
 - (c) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish;
 - (d) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the entire period; and
 - (e) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.
- (5) Effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Yaquina River and Bay and Big Elk Creek in aggregate.
- (6) Effective September 13 through October 10 and November 1 through November 16, 2025, the following regulations apply to the Yaquina River from the mouth upstream to Simpson Creek, and Big Elk Creek from the mouth upstream to Bear Creek:
 - (a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;
 - (b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and
 - (c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.
- (7) Effective August 1 through December 31, no more than ten adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in the Alsea River and Bay and Drift Creek in aggregate.
- (8) Effective September 13 through October 12 and October 25 through November 16, 2025, the following regulations apply in the Alsea Bay and River from the mouth upstream to the U.S. Forest Service River Edge Boat Landing and in Drift Creek from the mouth upstream to the lower Wilderness Boundary:
 - (a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;
 - (b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and
 - (c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.
- (9) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Yachats River:
 - (a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish; and
 - (b) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period.
- (10) Effective November 1 through November 30, 2025, the following regulations apply in Beaver Creek from the walking bridge at Ona Beach State Park upstream to the confluence of Beaver Creek and South Fork Beaver Creek:
 - (a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;
 - (b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

(11) Effective August 1 through December 31, the following regulations apply in the Siuslaw River, in the North Fork Siuslaw River, and in Sweet Creek:

(a) The daily adult wild Chinook salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate; and

(b) No more than two adult wild Chinook salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate.

(12) Effective September 13 through October 14, 2025, the following regulations apply in the Siuslaw River from the mouth upstream to the confluence of Lake Creek, in the North Fork Siuslaw River from the mouth upstream to Meadows Bridge, and in Sweet Creek from the mouth upstream to head of tide:

(a) The daily adult wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish in aggregate;

(b) No more than three adult wild coho salmon may be retained for the period in aggregate; and

(c) The daily jack wild coho salmon bag limit is one fish.

(13) All other permanent rules for the Northwest Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

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