

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: April 10th, 2020

Agenda item: **HATCHERY POLICY C-3619 REVIEW – BRIEFING, PUBLIC COMMENT**

Presenter(s): Laurie Peterson, Fish Science Division Manager

Background summary:

At the June 15, 2018 Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) meeting, the FWC directed the agency to conduct a review of all sections and aspects of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619). Subsequently, the following primary project elements emerged:

- Policy Review (Commission Assignment)
 - Science Update and Synthesis, including Emerging Science (led by WDFW; facilitated by Washington State Academy of Sciences)
 - Policy Performance Evaluation document (led by WDFW)
 - Joint Co-manager Hatchery Benefits document – will be authored by tribal and state co-managers examine the socio-ecological role of hatcheries, tribal legal considerations, and the ecosystem services provided by hatcheries.
- Engage Tribal Co-managers in Policy development
- Public Outreach and Engagement (led by consultant and WDFW)
- Commission considers final reports and policy recommendations (synthesizing information from the three documents above, incorporating input from tribes, partners, stakeholders, and the public).

On Feb. 6th, 2020 the FWC Commission and WDFW Fish Program scientists participated in a workshop in which the key findings from the Science Review report were summarized and discussed.

On April 9th, 2020, the FWC Commission and WDFW Fish Program scientists participated in a workshop in which the key findings from the Policy Performance Evaluation report were summarized and discussed.

Staff will provide a status update on the rest of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy Review project and projected timeline as well as receive feedback and guidance from Commissioners.

Staff recommendation:

None at this time.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

None at this time.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

NA

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

3/15/19 – 3/31/19 – Stakeholder Interviews – conducted by Triangle Associates – thoughts and opinions were collected and summarized by Triangle in a document available on the H&FRP Review webpage.

4/11/2019 – Open Public Meeting – facilitated by Triangle Associates – this was video recorded and a written summary was provided by Triangle. Both items are available on the H&FRP Review webpage

5/23/2019 – WSAS Science Workshop – a day long workshop for WDFW writers, WSAS' Committee members, supplemental reviewers, and observers. Written summary of workshop available on the webpage.

2/6/2020 – FWC Workshop on the Science Review document – public attended the workshop and had the opportunity to make comments and provide feedback.

4/9/2020 – FWC Workshop on the Policy Performance Evaluation document – public attended the workshop (via webinar format) and had the opportunity to make comments and provide feedback.

H&FRP Review Webpage Link:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/hatcheries/hatchery-reform-policy-review>

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Continued guidance from the Commission on next steps and timeline of the project.

Draft motion language:

NA

Post decision communications plan:

NA
