

Columbia River Policy Workgroup Review

Possible Policy Changes for 2020 and Beyond: Range of Alternatives on the Active list (per Policy Issue or Option) for Analysis ²

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Policy Issue (or Option)	Alternatives				Status
	WA Policy Status Quo ¹	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	
Spring Chinook					
1	Recreational/Commercial allocation	70%/30%		Abundance-based matrix	Active
2	Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Tangle nets and other alternative gear (any period), gill nets (post update)		Tangle net, other alternative gear and gill nets (any period)	Active
3	Allocation of Upriver spring Chinook within recreational fisheries (Bonneville to OR-WA state line/ Snake River)	75%/25% (10%/15%)			Active
5	Allocation of unused commercial impacts	No restrictions		No restrictions	Active
6	Allocation of unused recreational impacts	Not addressed	To commercial fishery		Active
Summer Chinook					
1	Recreational/Commercial allocation downstream of Priest Rapids Dam	70%/30%		Abundance-based matrix	Active
2	Allocation of unused commercial impacts	To upriver recreational fisheries or spawning escapement		No restrictions	Active
3	Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Gill net and alternative gear			Active
Fall Chinook					
1	Recreational/Commercial allocation of most constraining fall Chinook impacts	≤70%/≥30%			Active
2	Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Gill net (any Zone), tangle net and seine gear		Gill net (any Zone) and any alternative gear	Active
Coho					
2	Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Gill net, tangle net and seine gear		Gill net and any alternative gear	Active
Other Measures					
	See working draft of revised Policy for several other measures, including the development/implementation of alternative commercial fishing gear, hatchery and natural production goals, commercial fishery license reduction program, limiting the number of recreational guide licenses, scientific monitoring and thermal angling sanctuaries.				Active

¹ Status Quo reflects WA's Policy as of August 1, 2019 (i.e., modified in March 2019). Effective for 2020 only, Directors of WDFW and ODFW agreed to concurrent policy/rules; 75% recreational/25% commercial spring Chinook with tangle nets post update, 80%/20% summer Chinook with alternative gear only, ≤70%/≥30% fall Chinook in Zone 4/5 for gill net, alternative gear any zone and ≤2% available for alternative gear allocation, coho are prioritized by fishery segment and allow tangle net and alternative gear only, and barbless hooks are required; temporary agreement was stipulated to have no precedence for future joint-State agreements.

² Other alternatives were identified by the PRC/CRW and analyzed by staff, but are not listed here as it was placed in a category of "not active for further analysis" by decision of the PRC/CRW. The complete list of all alternatives that have been considered is included in another table. For a description of the alternative, its analysis, and the rationale for its de-activation for further analysis, see the documents for each of the PRC/CRW meetings to date.

Note: Alternative gear is defined as: Including but not limited to: purse seine, beach seine, tangle net, pound net, or other gears as authorized by the Commissions.