



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

4/9/2021

**Agenda item:**

**C. Hatchery Policy (C-3619) Review – Decision**

**Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy C-3624 Supersedes Policy C-3619**

**Presenter(s):**

Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy and Dr. Ken Warheit, Director of Molecular Genetics and Fish Health

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**Background summary:**

Over the course of the last two years, beginning at the June 15, 2018 Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) meeting, the department conducted a review of all sections and aspects of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619). The Commission's June 10–13, 2020 meeting, the fish committee members took the lead in drafting the initial language modifications based on the review the department conducted as well as comments received. At the August 1st Commission meeting a draft Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy was approved for continued public input leading up to the briefing and public hearing September 12, 2020. At the November 6, 2020, Special Commission meeting staff provided the Commission with a summary of public comment received through the extended comment period. The Commission considered revisions to the August 1 Public Review Draft containing draft language changes to Policy C-3619, and approved for further public review. At the January 30, 2021, meeting the Commission approved a new version of the policy for a review through and under SEPA. The policy has been reviewed through SEPA and received a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). The public comment period concluded on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as well as the review of comments to assure all critical element were considered. At this meeting staff will update the Commission on the Department's SEPA review. Meeting is intended for final Commission action on this item.

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**Staff recommendation:**

Approve the Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy C-3624 this action Supersedes Policy C-3619.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

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**Draft motion language:**

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**Post decision communications plan:**

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