



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

6/24/2021

Agenda item:

Coastal Steelhead: 2021/22 Season Planning

Presenter(s):

Kelly Cunningham

Background summary:

In the face of chronic low runsizes and failure in meeting management objectives outlined in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan WDFW implemented gear regulations and harvest restrictions for the 2020/21 coastal steelhead fishing season to increase the number of fish on the spawning grounds. Department staff will provide the Commission an update on planning for the 2021-2022 coastal steelhead season. The presentation will summarize the schedule for public meetings and pre-season planning lead by WDFW staff. Additionally, plans to increase monitoring of the steelhead sport fishery in order to reduce uncertainty in estimates of catch and effort will be discussed.

Staff recommendation:

N/A

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Briefing only.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Prior to the 2020/21 coastal steelhead season WDFW held a series of town halls and commission meetings as well as online tools to provide information associated with changes to regulations and receive feedback from anglers. In 2021/22 WDFW plans to increase stakeholder engagement through additionally public opportunities and new online resources. These tentative plans will be discussed.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Briefing only.

Draft motion language:

None

Post decision communications plan:

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