



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

1/14/2022

**Agenda item:**

8. Columbia River Policy (C-3630) Delegation of Authority - Decision

**Presenter(s):**

Kelly Susewind, Director, Kelly Cunningham, Fish Program Director, and Charlene Hurst, Columbia River Policy Lead

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**Background summary:**

Staff will provide an update on the Columbia River policy allocations as prescribed by C-3630 and Oregon's policy and identify where non-concurrent elements remain for 2022 fishery planning. The Commission will take action to consider approving director delegation for the Director to work with the Director of ODFW to achieve implementation of the fishery regulations in a manner that results in concurrent fishing regulations in jointly managed waters of the Columbia River for 2022.

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**Staff recommendation:**

The Commission take action to approve director delegation for the Director to work with the Director of ODFW to achieve implementation of the fishery regulations in a manner that results in concurrent fishing regulations in jointly managed waters of the Columbia River for 2022.

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

The issue for this topic is concurrency on commercial and recreational fishery allocations for the Columbia River. The expected outcome is that the Commission approve the Director to work with the Director of ODFW to achieve concurrency for 2022 for the areas in which the two states are currently non-concurrent.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

None

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

The Joint State Policy Review Committee has been working to develop a joint state policy on salmon fisheries in the Columbia River and has quarterly meetings over the course of the last year that are open to the public. Throughout this time, the public has been able to provide written comments for staff, the Director, and commissioners to consider.

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

The Commission take action to approve director delegation for the Director to work with the Director of ODFW to achieve concurrent fishing regulations in jointly managed waters of the Columbia River for 2022.

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**Draft motion language:**

The Commission moves to approve director delegation for the Director to work with the Director of ODFW to achieve concurrent fishing regulations in jointly managed waters of the Columbia River for 2022.

**Post decision communications plan:**

News release, and communication of decision through the upcoming Columbia River Compact and advisory board meetings.

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**Columbia River Policy Comparison (January 14, 2022)**

Policy Issue	WA Policy <sup>1</sup>	OR Rule	2022 Director Delegation
<b>Spring Chinook</b>			
Recreational/Commercial allocation	Abundance-based; 70%/30%	80%/20%	TBD
Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Alternative gear and gill nets (any period)	Alternative gear (post update)	TBD
Allocation of Upriver spring Chinook within recreational fisheries (Bonneville to OR-WA state line/Snake River)	70%/30% (10%/20%)	75%/25% (10%/15%)	TBD
<b>Summer Chinook</b>			
Recreational/Commercial allocation downstream of Priest Rapids Dam	Abundance-based; 70%/30%	80%/20%	TBD
Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Alternative gear and gill nets	Alternative gear	TBD
<b>Sockeye</b>			
Recreational/Commercial allocation	70%/30%	80%/20%	TBD
<b>Fall Chinook</b>			
Recreational/Commercial allocation of most constraining fall Chinook impacts	no more than 70%/ no less than 30%	no more than 70%/ no less than 30%	no more than 70%/ no less than 30%
Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Alternative gear and gill nets (any zone)	Alternative gear and gill net (Zone 4/5)	TBD
<b>Coho</b>			
Recreational/Commercial allocation	Prioritized by fishery segment	Prioritized by fishery segment	TBD (concurrent on 3 of 4 segments)
Allowable mainstem commercial gear	Alternative gear and gill nets	Alternative gear	TBD
<b>Other</b>			
Barbless hooks	Not addressed	Barbless required	TBD

<sup>1</sup> WA's Policy C-3630. Several allocations are abundance-based and rates provided align with forecasts. Includes other guiding principles not listed (i.e., predation, commercial sustainable certification).

<sup>2</sup> Alternative gear definition: Including but not limited to purse/beach seine, tangle net, pound net, or other gears authorized by the Commissions.