



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/8/2023

Agenda item:

Co-Manager Hatchery Policy Update - Briefing

Presenter(s):

Kenneth Warheit and Eric Kinne

Background summary:

WDFW and Tribal Co-Managers completed a draft hatchery policy in November 2022. The draft Policy was initially presented to the FWC January 27-28, 2023. Following the presentation FWS authorized WDFW staff to initiate public review of the draft Policy. At the March 16 FWC Fish Committee meeting WDFW staff presented a summary of the public comments. Between the March FWC meeting and this April FWC meeting, WDFW staff made minor changes to the draft Policy and completed a draft environmental review (SEPA Checklist) of the Policy. During this April FWC meeting, staff will present the edited draft Policy and the draft SEPA Checklist to both the FWC Fish Committee and the full FW Commission.

Staff recommendation:

FWC engage with staff in a discussion of the draft Policy and the draft SEPA Checklist. Based on the discussion, FWC may want to propose a revised schedule for the completion of the policy development process. That is, should WDFW staff continue with the current schedule and submit the SEPA Checklist for a determination, or does the FWC want to continue to discuss the draft Policy and/or SEPA Checklist?

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

This presentation to the FWC concerns the Co-Manager Hatchery Policy, the development of which was a directive from the FWC's Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy (C-3624). Ultimately, FWC will need to accept or reject the final draft of Co-Manager Hatchery Policy. Staff have no expected outcome.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Public had three weeks to comment on the draft Co-Manager Hatchery Policy. Those comments were presented to the FWC Fish Committee on March 16, 2023. The SEPA process will include a public comment period.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

See Staff recommendation above

Draft motion language:

None

Post decision communications plan:

To be determined
