

Willapa Bay Salmon Advisory Group

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Task for next several presentations to Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) is to provide a comprehensive review of the performance of the policy through a data driven analysis for what was in the policy and what has happened in regards to what the policy wanted us to do.

Comments from Advisors:

- The commercial sector shouldn't be labeled as participated in or part of the policy development in the upcoming Nov 2 FWC presentation on slide 3.
- Spawner goals established before mass marking
- FWC should see that the commercial fishery has failed since implementing the policy using catch
 - Display this with catch for the last several years
 - Use attendance of these meetings, lack of participation
- Highlight what next year will look like in terms of commercial and recreational fisheries in the north part of the bay due to reduced releases of Chinook from Forks Creek Hatchery – provide graph or chart of hatchery reduction
 - Graph/chart to display lack of hatchery production
 - Reduced plans in the north part of the bay
- Uncertainty around recruitment of hatchery Chinook to marine area fisheries to hatchery production shifts
- Priority for directed Chum fisheries to commercial sector with rate caps limiting opportunity