

“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting: September 5-6, 2012 Commission Meeting

Agenda item # 4: Columbia River Fishery Management

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Presenter(s): Guy Norman, Regional Director

Background:

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission recently directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to begin a rulemaking process that would restructure the commercial and recreational fisheries for salmon and sturgeon in the lower Columbia River. This action was in response to Governor Kitzhaber’s request to the Commission and Department, via letters of August 9 and 14, to consider restructuring as an alternative to the citizen’s initiative that is on the Oregon ballot. The Governor requested that the Oregon Commission and ODFW work with Washington to accomplish a restructuring by the end of 2012. After receiving the Governor’s request, the Oregon Commission Chair and the ODFW Director communicated their interest in a joint approach with Washington to the Washington Commission Chair and the WDFW Director.

Policy issues:

Public involvement process and outcome:

Public input will be accepted.

Action requested:

The Commission will be briefed on the recent communications, and the results of meetings of the two Directors to develop proposals for a two-state process and schedule. The Commission will be asked to consider and approve a process and timeline of the proposed two stage approach regarding restructuring the management of the Columbia River Salmon and Sturgeon Fisheries.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission Action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A
