

“SUMMARY SHEET”

Meeting dates: December 7, 2013 Commission Meeting

Agenda item #14: Grays Harbor Salmon Management – (Briefing/Public Comment)

Presenter(s): Ron Warren, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

Background summary:

The department will brief the Commission on Grays Harbor Salmon Management challenges, describe the public process, and seek guidance on draft policy sideboards.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

The department is soliciting Commission guidance on sideboards for the policy consideration.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

To date the department has held four meetings with Grays Harbor Salmon Advisory Committee member. These meetings were open to the public with an open public comment session following both meetings. Two public workshops have also been held where those in attendance were briefed on development of a draft policy and asked to provide input on conservation objectives of salmon stocks within Grays Harbor and the allocation of harvest within the WDFW managed share of harvestable surplus.

Action requested:

No action is requested at this time.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

On October 17, 2013 WDFW issued a news release announcing the intent to develop a draft for Grays Harbor salmon management which the Commission is scheduled to consider for adoption in mid-February.

The news release announced a combination of eight meetings of the Grays Harbor Salmon Advisory Committee and public workshops intended to develop a draft policy for the Commission to consider.

- Oct. 21 - Grays Harbor Advisory Committee, from 6-8 p.m.; public input from 8-9 p.m.
- Oct. 28 - Grays Harbor Advisory Committee, from 6-8 p.m.; public input from 8-9 p.m.
- Nov. 1 - Public Workshop from 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 13 - Grays Harbor Advisory Committee, from 6-8 p.m.; public input from 8-9 p.m.

- Nov. 18 - Grays Harbor Advisory Committee, from 6-8 p.m.; public input from 8-9 p.m.;
- Nov. 26 - Public Workshop from 6-8 p.m.
- Jan. 13 - Grays Harbor Advisory Committee, from 6-8 p.m.; public input from 8-9 p.m.;
- Jan. 15 - Public Workshop from 6-8 p.m.

Upon completion of the draft policy WDFW will send out a press release notifying the public of its availability and process for commenting.

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