

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates:	June 2 – 3, 2017
Agenda item:	Implementation of the Wooten Floodplain Management Plan - Briefing
Presenter(s):	Mark Grandstaff, Assistant Habitat Program Manager, WDFW; Dave Karl, Area Habitat Biologist, WDFW; Kari Dingman, Assistant Wildlife Area Manager, Wooten Wildlife Area
Background summary:	
<p>Seventeen miles of the Tucannon River (ESA listed spring and summer chinook, summer steelhead and bull trout) flow through the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area. The Wooten Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) is an agency priority project that protects restores and enhances the Tucannon River floodplain, including private property, while at the same time enhancing recreational fishing and camping experiences on the wildlife area. The project is improving spawning and rearing habitat for ESA listed fish and will increase angling opportunities for hatchery trout that generates significant recreation and revenue for the local communities. Funding by the Bonneville Power Administration and through the WDFW Capital Budget are allowing the project to progress. Staff will provide an update on progress to date.</p>	
Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:	
N/A – informational Briefing	
Public involvement process used and what you learned:	
<p>Several public comment and outreach meetings have been conducted. Legislative and stakeholder field trips have occurred and the project has been covered in the local newspapers. Coordination with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is ongoing and organization supporters of the project include the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board, the Tri-State Steelheaders and the Richland Rod and Gun Club.</p>	
Action requested:	
N/A – Informational Briefing	
Draft motion language:	
N/A	
Justification for Commission action:	
N/A	
Communications Plan:	
N/A	