

Summary

Meeting dates: August 4-5, 2017

Agenda item: Results of the 2016 Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery – (Briefing)

Presenter(s): Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager, Fish Program

Background summary:

The Puget Sound shrimp fishery policy (Policy C3610) was reviewed and a revised policy was adopted by the Commission on December 15, 2012. The policy stipulates a Department annual report to the Commission describing the performance of Puget Sound shrimp fisheries. This briefing will summarize for each management region the performance and harvest of both commercial and recreational fisheries during the 2016 season.

The shrimp fishery is very popular and by policy the spot shrimp allocation objective in Puget Sound is 70% recreational and 30% commercial. Commercial harvest is structured to take quota in northern Puget Sound. The commercial shrimp fisheries have been limited entry since 2001, with a total of 5 trawl licenses and 18 pot licenses. Commercial spot shrimp harvest has been over 100,000 pounds in recent years with an ex-vessel value over \$900 thousand in 2016. The recreational spot shrimp fishery landings are on an increasing trend, exceeding 189,000 pounds in 2016. Non-spot shrimp commercial landings exceeded 314,000 pounds in 2016.

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

None, briefing only

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

None, briefing only

Action requested:

None, briefing only

Draft motion language:

None

Justification for Commission action:

Communications Plan:

Agency web site, news releases
