

Commission Guidance on Implementation of Policy C-3622 in 2018

General Guidance

Policy implementation in 2018 to achieve priorities or goals for one fishing sector should not result in eliminating the opportunity of any fishing sector.

Chinook Fishery Management

Willapa Bay chinook fisheries should be actively managed to not exceed the 20% cap in 2018.

Recreational Fishery

- **In achieving a priority for the recreational fishery for chinook salmon, design the 2018 fishery**
 - **after exploring a reduction in the 4 adult salmon bag limit;**
 - **to curtail high catch periods in June, July and early August if necessary to conform to this guidance;**
 - **to focus on mark selective fishing where ever practical;**
 - **to not exceed 20% impacts after accounting for incidental impacts needed in commercial fisheries (see below); and**
 - **to include active monitoring of the bay fishery prior to September 30 and active management of the bay fishery if the total fisheries impact ceiling of 20% on natural origin fish is in reasonable jeopardy of being exceeded.**

Commercial Fishery

- **The natural origin chinook salmon 6% impact “set-aside” for commercial fishing with alternative gear, together with 3% impacts relating to historic impacts, shall be used in pre-season planning to cover chinook incidental impacts in all commercial fisheries--targeting coho, chum, or hatchery chinook salmon. Active management is expected in-season, and it may be that more or less than the 9% level ultimately occurs--within the constraint of the 20% impact rate cap and the provisions of this guidance.**

Status of Policy C-3622

- **Policy C-3622 is to remain in effect in 2018, except as clarified or modified by this guidance; this guidance applies only to 2018.**