

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: August 11, 2018

Agenda item: Pinniped Management

Presenter(s): Nate Pamplin, Policy Director

Background summary:

This briefing will provide an overview of the life history and population status of harbor seals, California sea lions, and Steller sea lions and discuss some recent publications regarding salmon consumption rates.

The briefing will then transition into an overview of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972 and various management options available to resource managers. The briefing will use the Columbia River as a case study for pinniped management. An update on federal legislation proposed to amend the MMPA to provide resource managers' greater flexibility for pinniped management in the Columbia River will also be presented.

The briefing will close with a short preview of a data analysis the Department is conducting to apply recently published bioenergetics modeling to finer scales. The analysis will apply the methodology used in recent publications, but will include more recent pinniped population estimates and regionally-specific diet data, where available. Staff will present the analysis in more detail at the Commission's September 2018 meeting.

Staff recommendation:

N/A

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The Department is providing an update pinniped management issues and its position on pending federal legislation. The Commission may want to provide additional guidance on these matters.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Post decision communications plan:

N/A
