

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: September 15, 2018

Agenda item: Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force (Briefing)

Presenter(s): Dan Rawding

Background summary:

Department staff will provide an overview and briefing on the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force. This special task force is organized under NOAA Fisheries' Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, and was formed to develop a common vision and shared, long-term qualitative and quantitative goals for "healthy and harvestable" salmon and steelhead populations in the Columbia Basin. The purpose of these goals is to address long-term conservation, harvest and fishery, and hatchery production and mitigation needs across the basin for both federally ESA-listed and non-listed species.

Staff recommendation: NA – Briefing Only

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

There are no policy issues for the Fish and Wildlife Commission to consider.

Having common, long-term goals will allow federal and state agencies, tribes and partners in the Columbia Basin to align on a common path to rebuild salmon and steelhead populations that are currently listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and to maintain healthy populations that are not listed under the ESA. The effort will help prioritize Columbia Basin actions to achieve healthy and harvestable goals, measure progress, ensure accountability, and maintain public support for regional salmon recovery efforts.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

NA

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

None

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to _____ (adopt/amend/deny) _____ (rule(s)/petition) as presented by staff (if appropriate)

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed

Post decision communications plan:
