

COLUMBIA RIVER POLICY REVIEW DISCUSSION, NEXT STEPS AND POSSIBLE GUIDANCE

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OUTLINE

- Additional information
 - Harvest, bycatch, price per pound
 - On-going project updates
- List of Ideas
- Next Steps
 - Finalize report
 - Possible guidance



2010-17 HARVEST (RETAINED) FOR SPORT AND COMMERCIAL

- Mainstem (mouth to Chief Joseph Dam), tributaries and Select Areas
- Sport – Chinook, coho and steelhead
 - Pre-policy: 411,300
 - Policy: 363,100
- Commercial – Chinook and coho
 - Pre-policy: 184,200
 - Policy: 140,800
- Policy Comparison – Chinook and coho only
 - Sport: 58%
 - Commercial: 42%

BYCATCH FOR SPORT AND COMMERCIAL

- Fishery release % are salmon, steelhead and sturgeon
 - Non-target handle includes other species such as shad and Northern Pikeminnow
- Commercial – sampling (expanded and observed) and research fisheries
 - Gillnet fishery: 22%
 - Spring tangle net fishery: 31%
 - Research spring tangle net (non-target): 73%
 - Research gillnet (non-target): 36%
- Sport – sampling
 - Spring Chinook: 21%
 - Summer Chinook: 42%
 - Fall Chinook: 21%
 - Summer steelhead: 42%
 - White sturgeon (w/ years when retention was permitted): 89%

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PRICE PER POUND

Fishery	Stock	Price Per Pound	
		2010-2012 Average	2013-2017 Average
Mainstem Gillnet	Spring Chinook	\$6.37	\$7.38
Mainstem Gillnet	Summer Chinook	\$3.63	\$4.21
Mainstem Gillnet (Zone 4-5) ¹	Fall Chinook	\$1.80	\$2.35
Mainstem Gillnet	Coho	\$1.60	\$1.61
Select Area Gillnet	Spring Chinook	\$5.31	\$6.54
Select Area Gillnet ¹	Fall Chinook	\$2.32	\$2.13
Select Area Gillnet	Coho	\$1.54	\$1.68
Mainstem Tangle-net	Coho	\$1.72	\$1.57

¹ Includes brights and tules

ON-GOING PROJECTS UPDATE

- Commercial license buyback
- Pound Net alternative gear testing
- Logbooks



IDEAS FROM PUBLIC AND WFWC

- No change – status quo/drastic course correction needed
- Negotiate concurrency with Oregon/leave non-concurrency alone for 2019
- Allocation options
 - Sport allocation for upriver/lower river
 - 15 different ideas
 - Sport/commercial
 - Matrix for allocation
- Logbooks for sport
- Barbless hooks voluntary



IDEAS FROM PUBLIC AND WFWC

- Prioritize buyback – include funding
- Alternative gear – hire experts to assist
- Allow spring Chinook tangle nets
- Continue gillnet ban/end gillnet ban
- Consider economic value to smaller communities
- Better SAFE areas in Washington – include commercial industry in development
- More interface with recovery boards

IDEAS FROM PUBLIC AND WFWC

- Ability for constituents to participate in next steps
- Need to make sure we continue to produce sufficient hatchery fish for all fisheries
- Include hatchery production goals in the Policy to raise more fish
- Hatchery surplus needs to be considered or risk reduced hatchery production
- Lobby for continued SAFE funding through BPA
- Increase monitoring and observation of fisheries
- Mandate more fishery monitors/observers in sport and commercial fisheries
- Conservation has to be over-riding principle

IDEAS FROM PUBLIC AND WFWC

- Enhance commercial fishing – stop trying to remove the gillnets– legislative mandate
- Mandate more selective fisheries
- Education for the public to identify tule Chinook to assist with release
- Provide for a gillnet fishery in the summer with appropriate time and area restrictions
- Change current sport/commercial allocations
- 50/50 sport/commercial allocation
- Consider alternative gear locations in tributary mouths

NEXT STEPS AND POSSIBLE GUIDANCE

- Staff will finalize ‘Comprehensive Evaluation of the Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620, 2013-2017’ by November 15, 2018
 - Distribute to Advisor Groups and Post on Website
- Recommend Commission review list of ideas from public and Commission discussion. Suggest Commission schedule discussion at an upcoming meeting to provide guidance to staff on further analysis of priority issues.

QUESTIONS?

