

## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** January 11, 2019

**Agenda item:** Columbia River Concurrent Night Fishing Rules – (Briefing)

**Presenter(s):** Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Fish Program and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fisheries Manager

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**Background summary:**

Numerous stretches of the Columbia River and its tributaries are open to night-time recreational fishing for salmon and steelhead. Several of these night fisheries are popular where steelhead is the primary target fish.

An assessment of non-concurrent regulations with other states concerning night-time recreational fishing for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Columbia River is provided. Also included is an inventory of fisheries that are exclusively WA state managed that are currently open to night-time recreational fishing for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon within the Columbia River and significant tributaries. The benefits and concerns of adopting regulations that would be concurrent with the Oregon regulations, with respect to conservation objectives, management implications and regulatory simplification are presented.

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**Staff recommendation:**

Recommend a public process during the 2019 North of Falcon to determine whether to adopt concurrent regulations and further simplify.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

Delegated authority for changes to the Director within Policy C-3608: North of Falcon.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

Not applicable.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

North of Falcon public meetings during spring 2019.

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

To be determined.

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**Draft motion language:**

Not applicable.

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**Post decision communications plan:**

2019-20 Washington Sport Fishing Regulation pamphlet

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# Commission Request to Department

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**Date of Request:** November 3, 2018

**Title of Request:** Concurrent Night Fishing Rules

**Commissioner:** Graybill

**Request Due Date:** January 2019

**Priority Level (put one check in each row):**

Importance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
Urgency:	<input type="checkbox"/>	High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low

**Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific.**

Request Department staff provide an assessment of non-concurrent regulations with Oregon concerning night-time recreational fishing for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Columbia. Provide a review of the benefits and concerns of adopting regulations that would be concurrent with the Oregon regulations, with respect to conservation objectives, management implications and regulatory simplification.

Also provide an inventory of fisheries in the Columbia that are exclusively WA state managed that currently open to night-time recreational fishing for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon, with particular focus on the mainstem Columbia upstream of the Oregon border, Drano Lake, and the White Salmon. Include a review of the implications of changing regulations in those areas in terms of conservation, management and regulation simplification.

**Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other):**

Presentation

For Commission Executive Assistant Use

**Date Assigned:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Assigned To:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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