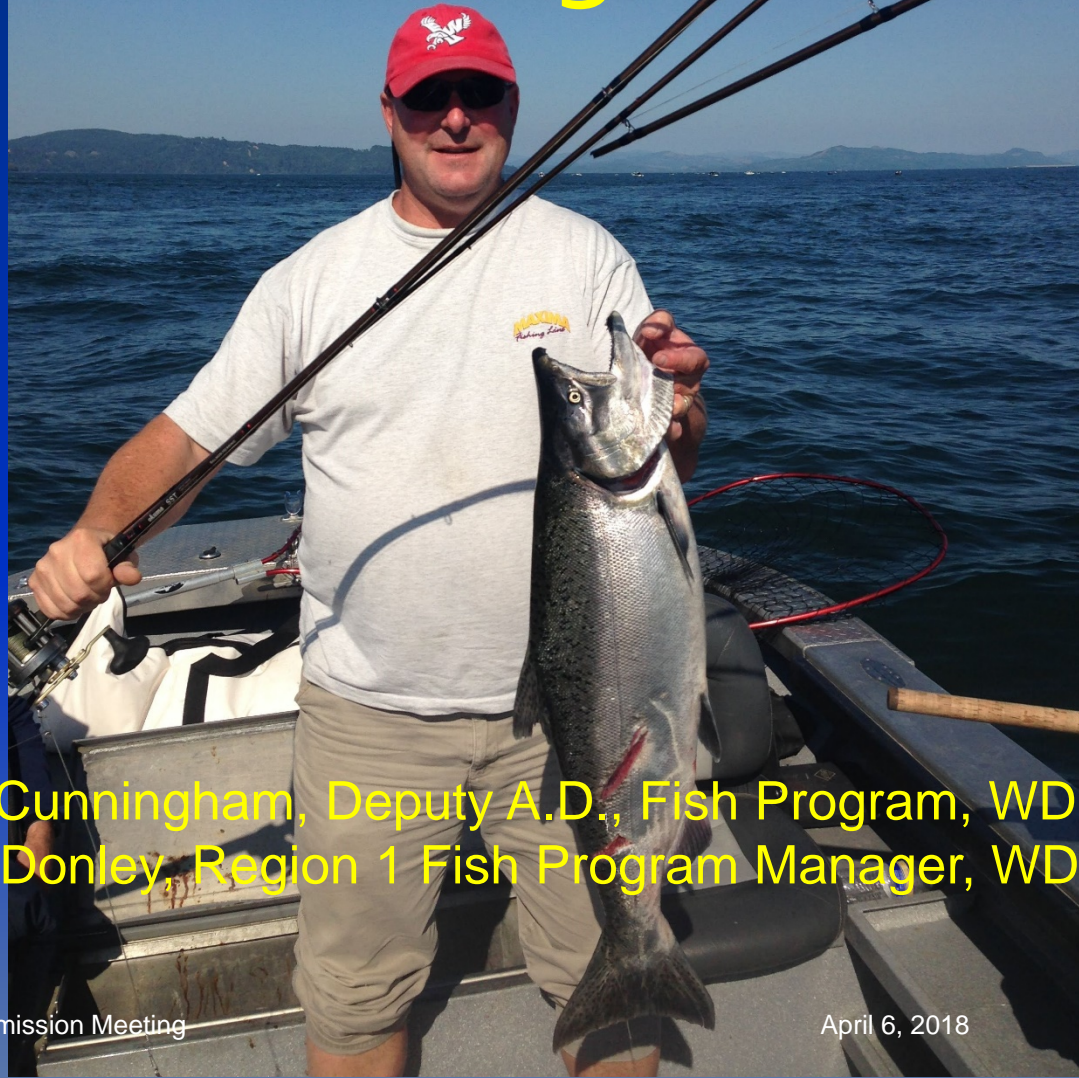


Implementation of Washington Guide Logbooks



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Presentation Outline

- Purpose/Objective
- Background
 - 2017 Legislative Session
 - 2018 Legislative Session
- Feedback Received from the Guide Industry
- Proposed Rule
- Next Steps
- Questions

Purpose/Objective

- Provide you a briefing on our proposed rule to gather information from the guide industry
- Will allow us to better understand and quantify guiding in Washington
 - Economic benefits-local and state economies
 - Recreational anglers who access fisheries through the industry
 - Assess distribution of effort

Background

- Bill language developed by an outside entity that would have drastically changed how the Department regulates the industry.
- 2017 Proviso Language: conduct public meetings, gather information, report back to the legislature, authority to require logbooks
 - 7 Public Meetings, 7 Meetings with various guide groups
 - Contracted two surveys-guide survey, recreational angler survey
 - Provided Report to the Legislature
 - 2018: 5 Guide Meetings, 4 meetings with individual guide associations
 - Gathered feedback and provided a web based comment option

Feedback from the guide Industry

- Consistent Themes:
 - Concerns about how the Department would use the data
 - Concerns associated with disclosure under the Public Records Act
 - Concerns associated with being required to report non-guiding activity
 - Concerns with providing put in and take out location information
 - Questions about other options for obtaining the information
 - Catch Record Cards
 - Creel
 - Department of Revenue
- Limited industry support for a logbook system

Proposed Rule

- Guide name/License number
- Date of trip
- Specific name of water body
- Site code of water body
- Species-hatchery/wild, kept/released
- Information “exempt” as provided for under Chapter 42.56.430 RCW

Next Steps

- CR-102 filed in February
- Collecting public comment via our website
- Commission briefing/public comment in June
- Complete the Concise Explanatory Statement (CES) in July
- Commission Decision in August

Questions?

