

2020 GRAYS HARBOR SALMON ADVISORY
PFMC DEBRIEF DISCUSSION

APRIL 16, 2020

ZOOM VIDEO/PHONE PLATFORM USED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1 – 2 pm

(No sign-in sheet)

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WDFW Staff: Chad Herring, Mike Scharpf, Kim Figlar-Barnes, James Losee, and Kyle Adicks

Advisors: Norman Reinhardt, Dave Hamilton, Cary Hofmann, Francis Estalilla, Andy Mitby, Bob Lake, Allan Hollingsworth, and Mara Zimmerman (not present Matt Nixon).

Public: 1

General Discussion:

Chad

Review proposed GH fisheries for CR-102

Review of Ocean Fisheries quotas and Marine Area 2

Tech group will be established with co-manager for Humptulips escapement goal evaluation

Grays Harbor 2020 Proposed Fisheries Review:

Mike

Overview of recreational fisheries seasons and salmon limits and releases:

2C North Bay Marine Area

East Bay Marine Area

FW rivers

Overview of NT commercial fisheries

Week 43 one day and Week 44 three days

Review of Treaty Schedule

Comments from Advisors:

Recreational Fisheries

Why release Chum?

Provide protection of Chum due to lower escapement

Did size limit change for Chinook Jacks?

Not changed in GH FW

Why changes in some of Marine and FW start dates?

Adjusted to balance coho sharing with co-managers. A larger percentage of coho are encountered in the middle to end of September.

The 2-week window should have been evaluated with different weeks so lose would not be as great.

Change rec. closures to match when treaty is not fishing.

Chum release only in freshwater for conservation is not fair and discriminatory.

Allow game fishing in lower Chehalis

Will game fish be closed to protect spring Chinook again?

Currently game fisheries are scheduled to occur once Governors' stay-at-home proclamation is lifted

Opportunity to harvest hatchery Chinook should be allowed due to:

Better for conservation

Co-manager sharing of harvestable surplus

Recs 1502 above coho while treaty 475 ahead for Chinook

Ask co-manager for harvest opportunity of hatchery Chinook

NT Commercial Fisheries

Area 2B – Why no fishery?

Model run was done 20% reduction in catch and reduction in ex-vessel value compared to 2A/D

Disappointed no 2C opportunity

Opportunity was hammered

Opportunity in 2C and earlier days in Oct. for 2A/D

Does staff think this is a viable commercial fishery?

Public Comments:

None