

2020 GRAYS HARBOR ADVISORY MEETING
APRIL 2, 2020
ZOOM.US VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC
6-8 pm
(No sign-in sheet)

WDFW Staff: Chad Herring, Mike Scharpf, Kim Figlar-Barnes, James Losee and Ron Warren

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

Public: 13

General Discussion:

Chad H.

There is no QUIN fishing schedule available for this meeting
Fishery proposals include submitted fishery suggestions
Will schedule another advisory meeting when QUIN schedule is available
Final Ocean Option have not been determined and this could affect some of the model outcomes
Use models to try and stay with in our agencies harvests based on GH management policy

Grays Harbor Proposed Fisheries Review:

Mike S

All models based on middle Ocean Option FRAM Coho 2019b
Model Set with 2019 Fishery Season Schedule
Model review A to E and results of models
Model Option Summary lists impacts of each model for NT Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

Model A-E Discussion - Ideas from Advisors:

Opening 2B would raise impacts Hump origin Coho

Problem with commercials fishing with 2C and 2A/D open concurrently

Model B gives savings with Chum on both rec. and comm. (adjustments needed on comm.)

Model fishing one day in wk 42 in model B for 2A/2D

Mike S. displayed model, and this is a possibility, will depend upon QUIN schedule

Is there a savings with 1 fish bag non-selective bay and FW for entire season? – Mike S. gives saving 800 fish (FW model only)

Rational - Handle wild fish less and gets folks off water sooner, like to mitigate impact on constraining stock

Is there 1 fish bag on Wynoochee modeled for conservation?

Conservation rational based on Wynoochee mitigation and river system lack of tributaries

Chad – will look at model with this option

Suggestion for Ocean Fishery – one fish done

First PFMC meeting this was a proposal

Do know ocean ratio of MSF from NOAA trawls? – Would be nice to know this to determine MSF. Mike S. trawls do contain some of this information

How do enforce a 1 fish bag limit? If bite is on what will prevent someone from catching and releasing multiple fish before keeping just one.

Enforcement in past mentioned difficult to enforce this rule

Any updates on Wild Fish Conservancy lawsuit with SE AK and Canada? Chad – no additional information

What happens if COVID-19 goes through summer or longer? If goes till fall governor says commercials can fish, but not everyone else

Chad – planning WDFW fisheries for all this fall, not sure what would happen if things progressed into the fall

Need final fishing schedule from QUIN to finalize GH fisheries

PFMC 2 meetings will be webinar format due to COVID-19

Public Comments:

Similar to last year, see no problem with proposals

Would like 1 fish bag limit on Wynoochee