

Willapa Bay Salmon Policy Review Advisory Workshop

November 17, 2018 (Saturday)

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Region 6 office Montesano, WA

Staff: Chad Herring, Barbara McClellan, Lyle Jennings, Chris Mattoon, Kirt Hughes

Advisors: Andy Mitby, Bob Lake, Jess Helsley, Marliša Dugan, Tim Hamilton, Ross Barkhurst, Jack Hollingsworth, Lance Gray, Greg McMillan, Norm Reinhardt

Public: 5 Individuals

Chad: Opening statements

Randy Aho Presentation: Hatchery Production

- In 2008, established primary designation for Chinook: Naselle River
- In 2008, established primary designation for Coho: Willapa River and North River
- 2009 first year release with the new designation goals

Public Comments/Suggestions:

- ❖ Provide more historical data on hatchery releases
- ❖ Remove a considerable amount of silt from below the Nemah weir to provide enough water and space for fall Chinook – do a better job at providing a suitable environment
- ❖ Provide a better structure at Nemah weir
- ❖ Provide some kind of cooling system to the pond at Nemah
- ❖ Maintenance of the intake valve at Nemah
- ❖ Need to address river habitat situations to create deeper holes
- ❖ Ideas to help Nemah facility – tarp, ping pong balls, reflective cover

Lyle Jennings Presentation: Stock Assessment

Public Comments/Suggestions:

- Otolith marking and recovery to help with Coho NOS/HOS breakdown

Barbara McClellan Presentation: Marine Recreational Fishery and Commercial Fishery

Public Comments/Suggestions:

- Commercial be allowed to keep CWT hatchery Chinook when observers are onboard

Chad:

Review of F&W Commission presentation in Vancouver on Nov.

- Will now be briefing with the Fish Committee for Dec and Jan instead of the full Commission
- No public comment at Fish Committee briefings
- For the final review, the agency has been tasked with providing 3-5 options to the Fish & Wildlife Commission for what to do regarding the WB Policy moving forward
- Hope to have those options refined with the advisory group by January

Public Comments/Suggestions:

- How much was lost in # fish or ex-vessel value from the commercial fishery prior to the policy in 2015 and after?

Chad: Quickly went through handouts for next meeting

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Public Comment:

Diana Bone:

- **Control Zone - Why isn't the ocean fishery taking some of those impacts?**
- **Genetics data**

Dave Hamilton:

- **Focusing on the wrong thing**
- **Assumption of the policy is that you can't stop the straying on the Naselle River**
- **There is no rationale for Willapa River having the primary designation**

Ross Barkhurst

- **Need to produce an upward trajectory**