

9. Selective Fisheries Implementation Plan—Status Report

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Meeting dates:	December 12-13, 2008, Commission Meeting
Agenda item #9:	Selective Fisheries Implementation Plan - Status Report
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Background:

The Department advanced the use of selective fishing for mass-marked hatchery Chinook salmon in Puget Sound as a key component of a statewide recreational fishing plan, beginning with the 2007 and 2008 seasons. These selective fisheries provided new Puget Sound recreational opportunities or enabled existing fisheries to be continued with minimal disruption while meeting increasingly restrictive conservation objectives for wild Chinook stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act.

A multi-year plan for implementing these fisheries was prepared in 2006 by Department staff working with a recreational fishery citizen advisory “Cabinet”, and subsequently provided the basis for negotiations with tribal governments within the North of Falcon season-setting process. The multi-year plan is currently being updated to represent progress already made with the first two years of implementation and to reassess the list of priority candidate selective fisheries for the 2009 season and future years.

The Department has begun the development of plans to consider initial Chinook selective fisheries in ocean fisheries that will be implemented within the Pacific Fisheries Management Council season-setting process. The advancement of mass marking of Columbia River fall Chinook hatchery stocks enables this consideration, as well as possible application to lower Columbia River fisheries. The schedule for implementation of these fisheries is highly uncertain however, given that the management tool of selective fishing for marked hatchery Chinook has not yet been applied to these fisheries.

Department staff will brief the Commission on key elements of the recommendations, discuss some possible shortcomings or controversial aspects of the project, and provide a perspective on the potential for success.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Briefing only

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department will brief the Commission on outcomes of public meetings held to develop implementation plans for selective fisheries, including meetings of the citizen advisory recreational fishery planning cabinet and a public North of Falcon workshop planned for early December.

Action requested:

None

Draft motion language:

Justification for Commission action:

Communications Plan:

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