

“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates:	January 9-10, 2009	#4
Agenda item:	Economic Analysis of the Non-Treaty Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in Washington State	
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Background:

In July 2008 Governor Gregoire requested that the Fish and Wildlife Commission summarize the economic benefits that our commercial and recreational fisheries provide the state. While sustainable fishing practices must be consistent with conservation needs of the fish, both fisheries have an important economic role, particularly in our rural communities.

The Department contracted with TCW Economics to complete this summarization. The report completed by TCW Economics is entitled “Economic Analysis of the Non-Treaty Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in Washington State. This report summarizes the economic information for the 2006 year.

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

This briefing provides the Commission with the results of report referenced above.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

Briefing only.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A