

16. Puget Sound Forage Fish Update (Briefing)

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“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting: April 8-9, 2011, Commission Meeting

Agenda item #16: Puget Sound Forage Fish Update

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Background:

The Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the Forage Fish Management Policy in 1998. The policy seeks to maintain healthy populations of forage fish while assuring the integrity of the ecosystem and the habitat. Forage fish include Pacific herring, surf smelt, Pacific sand lance, northern anchovy, Pacific sardine, eulachon, and longfin smelt. This briefing will focus on forage fishes in Puget Sound and will include the forage fish policy, status of forage fish stocks for principal species, spawning habitat mapping and protection efforts, fisheries management and current threats and concerns.

Policy issues:

None

Public involvement process and outcome:

None, Commission Briefing.

Action requested:

None, Commission Briefing.

Draft motion language:

None.

Justification for Commission Action:

Commission Briefing.

Communications Plan:

None, Commission Briefing.

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COMMISSION REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT

Title of Request: Forage Fish Mgmt Update

Commissioner: Jennings

Priority Level (put one check in each row):

Importance: High Medium Low

Urgency: High Medium Low

Date Requested: 10/2/2010 Date Assigned: _____
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Assigned To (Program/staff person): _____

Requested Due Date: April 2010

Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific.

- (1) stock status summary of principle species of forage fish
- (2) update on spawning habitat, + ~~map~~ mapping protection efforts
- (3) identify current threats, & concerns

Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other):

commission presentation