

“SUMMARY SHEET”

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| Meeting dates: April 9, 2015, Commission Meeting |
| Agenda item: Willapa Bay Salmon Management 2015 Guidance – (Briefing/Public Comment/Decision) |
| Presenter(s): Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager |
| Background summary: Because of a delay in adopting a permanent Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy, interim guidance is needed to promulgate 2015 salmon season regulations and follow the timelines set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act. Therefore the department is seeking interim guidance for setting the 2015 season. The department will brief the Commission on 2015 Willapa Bay Salmon Management guidance development, provide an update on the public process, review the draft guidance and seek direction for 2015 management. |
| Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration: The department is soliciting Commission direction on 2015 Willapa Bay Salmon management. |
| Public involvement process used and what you learned: The department released a draft interim guidance with a news release on March 13 th with public comment accepted through March 26 th . In addition, notification by email was provided to members of the public that had previously provided the Region their email address for Willapa Bay issues. |
| Action requested: Decision. |
| Draft motion language: I Move to adopt 2015 Willapa Bay Salmon Management guidance as presented by staff, including floor amendments. |
| Justification for Commission action: This action is justified under RCW 77.12.047 |
| Communications Plan: The public and our advisory groups will be notified about the outcome of the interim guidance through a press release, our website, and email. A paper copy will be sent to those who have requested one. |