

December 21, 2006

Steelhead Stakeholders - *Merry Christmas!*

Five things:

1. **Stakeholder Meeting changed to January 9th.** There were conflicts with the 10th so we have moved the date to the 9th. Meeting details: 9 am – 5 pm; Location: TBD
2. **Draft Statewide Steelhead Management Plan.** The draft is attached. We will discuss the draft, suggested changes, additions, and deletions on the meeting at the 9th. Written comments will be taken until the 12th. (Send to Amilee: wilsoalw@dfw.wa.gov)
3. **Format of Comments on the draft plan.** To help organize comments, please identify each of your comments by the plan's Section and page number that the comment refers to, example:

Natural Production, pg 5: *Drop Action #4 or change #4 to require ...*

4. **New Scoping Notice to cover the Statewide Management Plan.** The previous scoping notice that went out last August spoke only to the Puget Sound focus. Our intent is to have a statewide steelhead management plan and then a Puget Sound plan as a subset/volume of the statewide plan.
 - a. I am sending out a new scoping to clarify that we are doing a statewide plan to make sure everyone knows that this document will guide steelhead management for the entire state. I will send you the electronic link to that notice tomorrow.
 - b. All of your comments that you sent in on the first scoping will be considered part of the scoping for this second scoping notice. So you do not have to repeat yourself. If you want to send in additional comments on the scoping notice, please do.
 - c. The Puget Sound focus will continue and will be driven by the guidance we develop in the statewide plan.
5. **Thank you.** I know we have frustrated you in just about every way possible. I believe as you read through the draft statewide plan you will see policies, strategies and actions that spring directly from your input. Your involvement has made this document a great step forward in rebuilding and protecting steelhead stocks in Washington.

Read, edit, eat well and rest-up. I look forward to an exciting meeting on the 9th. We're ready to work with you to identify where we didn't go far enough, went too far, weren't clear, were on or off target, and strategies/actions that were overlooked.

Sincerely,
Sara LaBorde