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2014 Willapa Bay Management Policy Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Raymond High School Library

Raymond, WA

10/27/14, 6pm to 9pm

Concerns raised during policy discussion

- Should increase fishing so there aren't hatchery surpluses
- Review HSRG
- No ESA fish in Willapa Bay – NOAA lists no native stocks of wild fish
- Promote mark selective fisheries for both recreational and commercial fisheries
- Creation of a locally adopted Chinook stock
- Evaluation of escapement goals since the institution of mass-marking
- Do not manage for wild Chinook production
- Sufficient spawning habitat for all salmon stocks
- No use of alternative gear
- Habitat restoration

Management Objectives provided by the Ad-Hoc committee members for consideration in drafting a new Willapa Bay Management Policy.

- Management of the public resource to benefit future generations of the state
- Maximize Hatchery production while minimizing hatchery surpluses
- Install viable runs of self-sustaining of all three salmon stocks that would support limited harvest of NOR's in the recreational fishery along with meeting escapement goals
- Manage for maximum sustainable harvest
- Maximize hatchery production – especially chum
- Re-evaluation of natural origin escapement goals for Chinook
- Sustainability
- Research and develop alternative gear for the commercial fishery
- Increase recreational opportunity and limit commercial fishery- nothing prior to Sept. 7th
- Re-evaluate Chinook population designations- HSRG principles (not Naselle)
- Maximize hatchery production – catch em all, no wild fish in Willapa Bay
- Maximum sustained economic value while meeting conservation objectives
- Protect Washington fish throughout migratory pattern

Issues raised during discussion of management objectives

- Institute in-season management
- Develop a range of policy options
- Manage hatcheries to meet conservation objectives