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Grays Harbor

Presentation – power point

- Quinault Schedule for GH is extremely aggressive but it is also preliminary
- Please do not blast QIN online before we have a chance to meet with them tomorrow
- Through our Commission policy on GH QIN has recognized that they can take those. Courts have ruled through foregone opportunity to take those remaining fish
- Tribe has said they will agree to manage to aggregate goals – the goal for PFMC is an aggregate goal
 - The agreed-to escapement goals with co-managers are the goals in aggregate. The split into Humptulips and Chehalis goals is a management objective the Dept has chosen to continue to be more conservative
- Option Packages – See handout
 - Option A
 - Gillnetters – agree to not have a commercial schedule in Area 2C
 - Marine Area: area 2D and 2C only
 - FW: Release adult Chinook, except Humptulips. Humptulips Release wild coho
 - Option B
 - More restrictive for Hump Chinook – Area 2D only
 - FW: Release Chinook, except Humptulips. Humptulips Release wild coho
 - Commercial: 5 days tangle net, 14 days gillnet
 - Option C
 - Last year's fisheries except no Chinook retention except Humptulips
 - Option D
 - Marine Area Closed
 - FW: same as last year except no Chinook retention except Humptulips
 - Option E
 - No commercial fishery
 - Same as last year except no Chinook retention except Humptulips

Commission policy doesn't specify the difference between adult or jack Chinook. Why would there be a directed jack freshwater fishery for the sports? Those impacts should be removed from the commercial impacts.

ST: We have gone back and removed all of the jack information from the commercial fishery and adjusted the rates. The spawning goals and forecasts do not include jacks.

Do whatever it takes to get Humptulips coho to meet the natural origin escapement goal.

*No wild coho retention on the Humptulips side for sport or commercial in 2C

*Use Option E – then start removing fisheries to meet the goals set up by the Commission Policy

ST: we just are not going to meet the Marine – FW sharing. The rules conflict with themselves.

Probably can't get good enough survey information in the Upper Humptulips basins for late coho since the system is generally blown out.

The fact that QIN is already going to be fishing 5 days/week in November, we can't afford any additional pressure for Humptulips wild coho. *So there shouldn't be any NT commercial fishery in 2C.

*If we truly be conservative then there should be no targeted coho fishing in Humptulips at all by sport or commercial for area 2C because there are impacts for each group. For FW begin removing weeks until you meet the objective impacts.

Each group should equally take a share of the burden.

ST: What about the steelhead fishery?

It is a hatchery stock and is not a concern for harvesting coho in Dec.

*If you are going to have a commercial fishery in 2C, it should be wild coho release.

*Week 46, change to 1 day a week with tangle net in 2C if you are going to a NT commercial fishery there.

*Use Option D for commercial gillnetters: for 2C, change week 44 to 2 days and eliminate week 45.

*No FW wild coho fishery either in Humptulips.

If you are going to close retention for Humptulips coho, hope you close it for longer than one year, at least a full coho cycle.

A total closure is not realistic. There is fish to have some harvest on. Allow everyone to have a few impacts as long as we remain under the policy.

You can't just look at area 2C for Hump wild coho impacts. You need to look at Area 2D as well for both sport and commercial. The Commission provides guidelines not laws. Even NOAA says there are allowable impacts on ESA stocks.

All of these options that the Dept provided meet the <5% impacts. Pick one.

*For Humptulips: what we hear is

- Have some allowable impacts but keep it small and with equal sharing.
- Have no impacts on wild coho at all in Area 2C for sport and commercial.

*Wynoochee is also a problem. We need to deal with this system the same way.

The gear is the most important part of the process.

Why do we never hear about the impacts of steelhead in the fisheries?

Why is there not an observer on every gillnet boat?

ST: We have committed to looking into volunteer observers

*Do not support a jack fishery in the Chehalis FW fisheries.

*Gillnetters should pay for their own observers.

Recreational fishers can select where they will fish and what they will catch (adults or jacks).

*Retention for jack coho and not just Chinook should be allowed.

What has been done for recreational hooking mortality?

The IFSP study did not come out by the date the settlement agreement stated it would, so that study should not be used this year.

Sport Regulations spreadsheet – walked through each regulation in GH

GH Public Testimony

Art Holman

- There should be no net fishery in Area 2C

Tim Hamilton

- Need compliance to the level of the IFSP results
- Close Area 2C
- 5% is a cap not a minimum
- In-season adjustments are necessary
- Should not limit one license holder over the other regardless of how they choose to fish
- There are other commercial opportunities in the Columbia River

Andy Mitby

- Support Option D with a few revisions already provided

Francis Estalilla

- No directed fishing or retention of wild coho in the Humptulips basin should be allowed for sport or commercial fishers

Allan Hollingsworth

- Support Option D with changes week 43 – 2 days and week 44 – 2 days
- IFSP results violates the agreement in the settlement. So go back and use the 45 % rates
- Will fish in-common with QIN fishers in Area 2C

Norm Reinhardt

- Options A, B, C and E should be evaluated and considered as possible options

Dave Hollingsworth

- Support Option D with changes week 43 – 2 days and week 44 – 2 days
- We should be able to harvest our impacts since we are under the 5%.

Willapa Bay

Presentation – power point

Option Packages – See handout

- Alternative A
- Alt B
- Alt C
- Alt D
- Alt E
- Alt F
- Alt G
- Alt H
- Alt I

What is the value of the recreational fishery?

*Expand closure area in front of North River to the area between Toke Pt to Goose Pt through Sept. 15 to the North and Smith Creek bridges for Commercial and Recreational fisheries Or close the entire area through Oct. 1st

There is no savings to close Marine area M, R and P or the North River area closure for the recreational fishery. You would have 0 impacts if you left it open.

*No fishery in 2T or 2U until North River pass through for commercial and recreational fisheries

*Close North River channel at confluence with Willapa River channel at Marker 13 to be conservative for North River chinook.

*Keep nets out of channel east of Tokeland until mid-Sept.

If you're not going to harvest those fish then close all hatcheries.

There is no data in the model addressing the relationship between the commercial fishery and the recreational fishery.

*Provide the early 84 hours for the commercial fishery after Aug. 15

*Close 2T and 2N to the commercial fishery until after Sept. 15

*Recreational fishery should occur between Aug. 16 and Sept. 15

*Close commercial fishing until Sept. 15, all areas

*MSF on the ocean side from Leadbetter Pt to 46° 49"

RW: would have needed to be included in the ocean options this year and it wasn't.

Recreational fishers have ample opportunity to catch those fish. There are plenty of fish that are surplus at the hatcheries so there is available fish for the rec fisheries.

*Option I – remove dip-in fishery but leave the remaining in that option

In-season management?

ST: have not heard any proposals for in-season management. WB will be going before the commission this summer.

KH: Commercial fisher cannot deny access to a state observer.

Marine CRC data by week

*Monitoring/creel on recreational fishery needs to be added

KH: was a budget issue, not a choice

*Fix the model or drop the Naselle impacts to 15%

Not sure there is any data for what the North River savings would be.

Catch totals for the commercial fishery by day posted to the website

ST: won't guarantee that the data will be posted daily

Recreational monitoring needs to be required, 24 hour reporting, or don't open it

ST: Dept decided to take a significant step towards conservation but I hear that we didn't take a big enough step

Is there anything in hatchery practices that would increase the size of the Chinook as it was in previous years?

KH: it has been consistent at 14.7 lbs even though it varies yearly

There are no WILD salmon in WB.

The Dept was told 5 years ago that if you reduce the Naselle hatchery plants of Chinook the return of natural run will decrease. Recreational fishers will only be able to catch so many fish with a hook and line. They can't catch them.

*Request for a floating trap in from of Nemah River

*Alt G or H or somewhere between would get us to the 20%

*Commercial fishers get 7 days but at only 1 day per week (half day night time) through Sept. 15

How many nets should be allowed in any one at one time?

KG: only about 90 license fishers

*Propose to go with Alt. G with the one day closure on Sunday

*Propose to go with Alt. I – remove dip-in early commercial fishery and drop all days no more than 4 days a week

ST: The reduction of a 1/3 on the commercial side was enough to have no reduction in the sport fishery. In fact the FW increases in impacts.

If the commercial fishers aren't allowed to harvest those hatchery coho on the Naselle side after Sept 15, you will just end up with thousands of fish surplus at the hatchery. Then everyone will be complaining about why so many fish were surplus.

*Propose to go with Alt. G

*Support for Alt. G and closure should be for everyone in North River but lifted by Sept. 15

*The closure from Toke Pt to Goose Pt would be a problem for the small boat that cannot go out to the deadline.

Even with the highest numbers of commercial boats, the commercial fleet can only harvest 66% of the harvestable coho.

*There is no conservation reason to not have chum retention

If the dip-in fishery is supposed to catch Columbia River fish, then why not have that fishery in the Columbia River?

*Support Alt. E + at least 1 day commercial off

*Open Nemah Valley Rd Bridge to the hatchery

Paper for genetic fish

*Support Alt. I

Public Testimony

Andy Mitby

- Support something between Alt. G and H based on the parameters that WDFW has asked us to stay within

Bill Osborn

- Quicker website update
- Supports Alt. I for WB
- Remove Commercial area 2A from GH

Bob Lake

- Support something between Alt. G and H based on the parameters of WDFW own objectives
- If the North River closure doesn't go to from Toke Pt to Goose Pt there is no point in having the closure
- Need expanded data when looking at value of the fishery

John Campbell

- 2008 study – recreational value
- Commercial fishery restrains the recreational fishery
- Supports Alt. E + 2 net free days per week

Jack Hollingsworth

- Support something between Alt. G and H – there are harvestable hatchery fish and we should be harvesting them

Ross Barkhurst

- All Chum retention since there is no conservation issue
- Alt I with 2T removed and 4 days on with 3 days off for the commercial fishery
- Open stretches of river to harvest the surplus so recreational fishermen can harvest those

Steve Gacke

- Support Alt. E or G
- No recreational fishery in M, P, R
- Break in commercial fishery in Nov for commercial

Bill Ward

- Support Alt E or I without commercial dip-in

Tim Hamilton

- Manage for conservation
- In-season adjustments are key
- Adopt a 15% cap for Naselle Chinook impacts.
- Stop abuse and step up

Lance Gray

- Support something between Alt. G and H

Brian Kraemer

- Support Alt. E with a 2 day net free
- Analysis of value of recreational and commercial fisheries
- Conservation is important
- Evaluate the models since commercial and recreational fisheries affect each other
- Creel monitoring for recreational fisheries needs to be added

Bruce Ogren

- Impacts to our fish in the ocean between AK, Canada and coastal WA
- Go with last year's model schedule
- There should be a 50/50 split between outside and inside fisheries
- It's discriminatory to put the impacts on the WB fisheries

Allan Hollingsworth

- Support Alt. G or H
- IFSP report – the findings were after the date that were agreed to in the settlement so should use last year's rate
- Going to Columbia River to fish requires 10K in new nets to fish there. Not reasonable.

Norm Reinhardt

- I feel like I've failed as an advisor.
- It's also a legislative failure
- Recreational fishery is nothing but a byproduct for hatchery commercial fisheries
- These new conservation issues for this year have not proven to be truly conservation issues. Require genetic study on North River Chinook to determine if those are actually truly natural and need conservation.

- Request a 10% harvest rate on all stocks in WB especially for 2T, 2N, and 2U.

Francis Estalilla

- Support Alt. E + 2 days off
- Support Alt. I + eliminate 2T commercially through mid- September
- North river channel closure through Marker 13
- The model is overharvesting. Help model to better predict for both fleets.

Marlisa Dugan

- Support Alt. I + reduce dip-in to 2 days or remove 2T
- Do not bench the proposal for the Nemah just because there are 2 people who disagree. The majority should rule.
- Listen to the public. There is no equality between commercial and recreational fisheries
- Aug 1 – Sept. 15 is the timeframe where the recreational fisheries should have
- Close the commercial fishery until Sept. 15

Jeff McKean?

- Removing the Chinook retention or dip-in fishery from the commercial fishers has more value than just the boat value. Most of that revenue is taxable for the state of the WA.

Jim ?

- Need more women involved in fisheries
- Support Alt. I with no dip-in
- Requests the Dept to control the number of boats in the commercial fishery

John Rabie

- WDFW failed to provide meaningful coho fisheries for recreational fishers
- Modified a net free 2T until Oct.1
- Bag limit to 6 fish, 2 chinook and 4 coho
- Continue 2 pole endorsement
- Aug. 12 – Sept. 15 reduce commercial fishery to 1 day per week

Bob Muhlhauser

- Support Alt E or I
- Open Nemah to hatchery