

2014 GH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
Friday, March 14, 2014
Montesano Regional Office 6 pm – 9:30 pm

WDFW Staff: Steve Theisfeld, Ron Warren, Kirt Hughes, Mike Scharpf, Barbara McClellan, Chad Herring

Advisory Group Members: Jack Hollingsworth, Dave Hollingsworth, Allan Hollingsworth, Norm Reinhardt, Dave Hamilton, Joe Durham, LeeRoy Wisner, Bret Farris, Bob Lake, Francis Estalilla, Andy Mitby

Handouts – 5

Issues in modeling (mortality sources):

1. Drop off mortality in commercial fishery
2. Hooking mortality in sport fishery – the agreed-to state-tribal rate used is 5%
3. Pinned predation
 - In our model, the historical runsizes do not have 3 mortality sources included
 - Difficult to get co-mgmt agreement to include #1-3 in tribal fisheries
 - Has the potential to add errors to a model we have recently worked on cleaning up

AH: Long term mortality should be the same for sport (marine area 2.2) and commercial since they are fishing in the same locations

BL: How do you make changes to mortalities rates for the commercial side without making the same kind of change to both sport pieces?

DHamilton: Can't have a double standard. Without a drop-off rate being used, you are moving forward this year knowing you are using inaccurate information even though I understand the constraints.

ST: by adding it, the HR will be high and errors have the potential to be made

FE: I will welcome a hook and release evaluation at least by next year but I would prefer to see a study done inside GH if monies are available instead of using other studies as surrogates

BL: Who has had the largest impact on the Chehalis Chinook run? Recreational.

LW: We've lost credibility if we do not follow through.

**NR: I think we proceed with what we currently have now but with the state recognizing the issues and agree (commit) to fix those in the modeling by next year's NOF

ST: Agency will have to make a decision on this topic

FE: If we were to be precautionary, why not include the rates from the handout that was passed out for each fishery?

BL: there is no data for recreational fishery in GH or WB. Until we the data then no one should fish.

ST: There is potential for error if we try to do these changes quickly for this year. We just do not have enough time to make sure we do this addition correctly with the amount of time we have.

Loren Gee: Agrees with Norm
John Campbell: it's not as bad as it sounds

ST: State commits to have this evaluation done by Dec. 31 of this year in order to use an updated model for next NOF season

BL: Can't support using only an updated commercial mortality rate without the sport rates being included for drop off at the same time

Independent Fishery Scientific Panel (IFSP)

**BL: Request:

- Wants all notes and communications by panel
- How many commercial citations resulted in convictions in last year's seasons?
- How many recreational citations and convictions were there last year?

ST: Submit questions to the panel properly to find out if they considered these topics in their evaluation

AM: We were told by Jim Scott that we as gillnetters would be a part of choosing the panelist and we were not.

ST: Chehalis Tribal Impacts: Will be taken off the top first = their impacts will not come from the 5% listed in the GH Policy when we are in conservation mode

Fishery Modeling:

Suggestions: for Chehalis Basin Recreational

	Start date		
MA 2.2	Sept. 16	No UM Chinook retention	262 impacts
Freshwater Chehalis	Sept. 1	No UM Chinook retention	143 impacts
			2.4% Harvest rate (only include sport)

Chinook Jack Retention - Start FW August 16: No August data for Jack Retention currently in the model

FE: 3 wild UM Coho Bag

MA 2.2	date varies	2935 coho impacts	
FW	dates vary	7194 coho impacts for all systems with 3 wild coho retention except for Wynoochee River	

FE: Hatchery Chinook retention in MA 2.2

- Impacts modeled results in 17 hatchery chinook impacts during hatchery chinook retention time

JD: Chum retention in MA 2.2 and FW included on top of previous suggestions

- MA 2.2 Chum impacts = 8
- FW impacts = 592

FE: 4 fish coho bag for October in MA 2.2 and MS Chehalis

- No data for 4 fish

Suggestions: for Humptulips Basin Recreational

- No wild UM Coho retention
- 2 wild chinook bag
- North Bay Sport Fishery for Chinook retention from Aug 16 – Sept 15

Commercial Inputs: Chehalis and Humptulips basins

Chehalis 2A/2D:

	Days	Gear
Wk 43	3	tangle net
Wk 44	2	tangle net
Wk 45	3	gillnet
Wk 46	2	gillnet
Wk 47	0	

134 wild Chehalis chinook impacts in 2A/2D and 9 wild Chehalis chinook impacts on the Humptulips side = 0.80%

BL: Is net depth restrictions a part of the mortality rate assessment done by the IFSP?

ST: Put that question to the panel

AH: Close Humptulips Recreational in Nov to save on wild UM coho impacts

BL: Policy doesn't state the different between a jack and adult Chinook. The suggestion earlier was to have a jack fishery in the freshwater Chehalis. Wouldn't jack impacts just count as chinook impacts according to the policy?

AH: Add Shad to retention in commercial fishery when using tangle net, similar to Columbia River rules.

KH: After talking with Lorna Wargo (WDFW Biologist), shad retention would be allowed and that would just need to be included in regulations

RW: There have been preliminary conversations with QIN to schedule meetings

- Escapement goal review chinook that is biologically based has been going on
- In Feb., the CTC reviewed and approved that new goal
- The new aggregate goal (Chehalis + Humptulips basins) is 13,500. This goal was agreed-to by QIN and WDFW
- This new goal will be implemented for this year
- QIN is willing to have discussions regarding splitting that aggregate goal into the two basins

Public Comment:

Tim Hamilton

- Insulted by the way the woman who was upset was treated
- Need to include drop-out rate

Loren Gee:

- Impressed by what he saw here tonight

