

Coastal breakout – room 630

PUBLIC - Steve Boerner, Bob Muhlhauser, Ron Schweitzer, Art Holman, Gary ?

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APA process; concurrent with the NOF.

- HANDOUT, CR101 filed Dec. 31, 2013 – Published in State Register on January 14, 2014.
- May 9, proposed rules sent to OTS for formatting
- June 4, CR102 to be published in state register
- July 7, Public Hearing
- July 9 is the earliest date that the CR103 could be signed by the Director and filed.
- The state register publication occurs about 14 days following filing.
- Rules become final 31 days from Directors signature.

GH policy – Questions? NONE

Forecasts –

Chehalis Spring Chinook; look similar to 2013 – May-June season

Chehalis Natural Origin Chinook; above goal, but have not attained escapement in 4 or more than the recent 5 years.

Humptulips Natural Origin Chinook; will be constrained by coho.

Caution - policy, “no chum fisheries will occur unless coho are harvestable (3 out of 5).

Willapa – good shape in general.

Chum run forecast to be fairly strong. Still have a 10% ceiling.

Steve Boerner – concerned about break out of North River; would like to see each stock forecast independently.

North Coast –

Do not see constraining coho stocks, except maybe the Queets.

Fall Chinook, similar; but there has been some thought to take a precautionary approach.

Hoh – spring summer forecast is below goal, continues to be a below escapement for the past several years.

Bob M. – looking to get in on the Hoh fall Chinook prior to September 1; August 16th.

Steve T. Conservation is priority #1. We will lead by example in taking additional conservation measures.

Gary – fall chinook in North River tribes; may need to reduce and only allow 1 chinook in the bag.

Mike G. – Quillayute summers are also below goal; we are NR. The Quileute is 29 hours/week with low effort. We have a number of other fisheries actively conducted which impact this stock (Lake Pleasant sockeye, fall hatchery chinook, etc.).

Petition from David La Pierre requesting that we open the lower Naselle from HWY 4 to the hatchery for Chinook. The Commission will be briefed and direct staff how to proceed.

Grays Harbor commercial Humptulips – live boxes required.

Willapa – understand that the hatchery fish are there to harvest but we were getting 20-25% wild to the boat in the sport fishery. I am sure that the commercial fisheries have seen a similar rate.

Gray – Like to see more hatcher Chinook on the north coast and more protection for wild stocks.

Bob M. – Recommend that sturgeon be closed completely! Even C&R!