North of Falcon Policy
Commission Briefing – November 2, 2018

Policy C-3608
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Purpose

- Brief FWC on current North of Falcon Policy
- Potential modifications for new policy
- Policy Consideration Process/Schedule
- Seek Commission Guidance

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Department staff will ensure that management decisions are consistent with:

- Statutory Authority
- *U.S. v. Washington*
- *U.S. v. Oregon*
- Endangered Species Act
- Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan
- Pacific Salmon Treaty
- PFMC’s Framework Salmon Management Plan
- State/Tribal agreements
- Fish and Wildlife Commission Policies

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Provides general guidance to the Department when planning and managing annual salmon fisheries

- Conservation Principles
- Providing Harvest Opportunity
- In-season Management
- Monitoring and Sampling
- Enforcement and Compliance
- Gear and Fishery Conflicts
- Incidental Mortalities
- Communications
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Department will implement consistent with the 21st Century Salmon and Steelhead Initiative

- Science-based, well-documented, transparent, well-communicated and accountable

- Meet or exceed ESA, recovery and conservation goals
Fishery Management

Fishing opportunities:

• Will be provided when they can be directed at healthy wild and hatchery stocks

• Will utilize selective methods and gears to maximize fishing opportunity and minimize impacts on depressed stocks to the fullest extent possible

• From a statewide perspective, fishing directed at each species will not be exclusively reserved for either sport or commercial users.
Fishery Management

Meaningful recreational fishing opportunities:

• Will be distributed equitably across fishing areas and reflect the diverse interests of fishers, including retention and catch-and-release fisheries
Fishery Management

Puget Sound

- For chinook and coho stocks, objectives in priority order are:
  - Provide meaningful recreational opportunities
  - Identify and provide opportunities for commercial harvest
- First 200,000 Lake Washington sockeye available for non-treaty harvest provided to recreational fisheries
- For Puget Sound-origin pink salmon, provide meaningful opportunities to both recreational and commercial fisheries while minimizing fishery conflicts
Fishery Management

Puget Sound

- For Fraser River-origin chum, pink and sockeye stocks, the majority of the harvest to commercial fisheries
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Fishery Management

• **Grays Harbor** - managed consistent with the Commission’s Grays Harbor Policy (POL C-3621)

• **Willapa Bay** - managed consistent with the Commission’s Willapa Bay Policy (POL C-3622)
Fishery Management

- **Columbia River** - managed consistent with the Commission’s Columbia River Policy (POL C-3620) and in cooperation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife representatives

- **Pacific Ocean** - managed consistent with the PFMC’s Framework Salmon Management Plan
In-season Management

• Actions will be implemented consistent with pre-season conservation and harvest management objectives, and the fishery intent developed through the North of Falcon process

• In-season updates (ISUs) affecting Puget Sound fisheries will be evaluated for technical merit and to improve achievement of conservation and allocation objectives
  • ISUs should be documented
  • Descriptions of potential modifications to fisheries should be included in the List of Agreed Fisheries
Monitoring and Sampling

...will be provided to account for species and population impacts of all fisheries

Fishery participants will be required to comply with fishery monitoring...
Enforcement and Compliance

...strategies will be developed and staffing provided to promote compliance

... establish and maintain effective coordination with Tribal enforcement
Gear and Fishery Conflicts

...fisheries shall be structured to minimize gear and other fishery conflicts

... shall be resolved by involving the appropriate sport and commercial representatives in a dispute resolution process managed by Department staff
Incidental Mortalities

...minimize mortalities on non-target species (e.g. rockfish, seabirds, etc.)

...limit seabird mortalities consistent with the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act
Communications

Make ongoing improvements for effective public involvement during the NOF planning process and fishery implementation

- Include participants as observers during appropriate state/tribal meetings
- Record decisions in writing
- Use a variety of tools to communicate effectively
- Consult with stakeholders prior to making major decisions with the comanagers
Communications

Schedule of 2018 public meetings

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Delegation of Authority

The Fish and Wildlife Commission delegates authority to the Director to:

- make harvest agreements with the Northwest Treaty Tribes and other governmental agencies
- Adopt permanent and emergency regulations resulting from those agreements
Potential modifications to Policy

Last renewal of policy:

- Housekeeping changes
- In-season update language
- Willapa Bay Policy reference

Potential changes for 2019-2020 policy

- For Puget Sound sockeye, Lake Washington threshold reference seems dated, and there is no mention of Baker sockeye - Consider eliminating Lake Washington specific reference, simply identify Puget Sound-origin sockeye as recreational priority
Policy Process

- **November 2, 2018 FWC briefing**
  - Brief Commission and seek guidance on modifications
  - Initial public comment
- **December 2018**
  - Briefing on potential revisions to draft policy
  - Additional public comment
  - Additional Commission guidance for revised draft
  - Revised draft posted online for public comment
- **January 2018**
  - Commission considers adoption of revised policy
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Questions/Guidance?