

## **Commission Guidance on Policy 3619 (Policy) Implementation Effective June 15, 2018**

**Based on the foregoing information on the record under this agenda item, the Director is tasked to initiate a review of all sections and aspects of the Policy with an expectation that the results of the review be presented to the Commission, with a target of 6 months to a year. The review should include examining performance results since the Policy was adopted, updating appropriate policy language and scientific elements, changing language tone about the positive value of hatchery programs, and providing alternatives for possible Policy revisions including at least**

- adding a categorical designation for mitigation hatcheries,**
- accommodation of Southern Resident Killer Whale prey initiatives, and**
- different levels of hatchery-wild interactions that take into account the evolving science on risks to the salmon genetic resources of the State.**

**While the review is underway and until the Commission adopts any revisions or refinements to the Policy, the Policy shall remain in effect except that Policy Guidelines 1, 2, and 3 shall be suspended for salmon species other than steelhead. Any language in the Policy that could be viewed as being inconsistent with the described suspension of these paragraphs shall be interpreted as being similarly suspended from Policy implementation. The purpose of suspending Policy Guidelines 1, 2, and 3 for salmon species other than steelhead is to allow for full consideration of the maintenance or enhancement of hatchery programs for chinook, coho, and chum salmon that would otherwise be inconsistent with these three guidelines, while still providing adequate protection of genuine native genetic resources.**