

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: February 6th, 2020

Agenda item: **HATCHERY POLICY REVIEW WORKSHOP**

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Background summary:

At the June 15, 2018 Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) meeting, the FWC directed the agency to conduct a review of all sections and aspects of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619). Subsequently, the following primary project elements emerged:

- Policy Review (Commission Assignment)
 - **Science Update and Synthesis, including Emerging Science (led by WDFW; facilitated by Washington State Academy of Sciences)**
 - Policy Performance Evaluation document (led by WDFW)
 - Joint Co-manager Hatchery Benefits document – will be authored by tribal and state co-managers examine the socio-ecological role of hatcheries, tribal legal considerations, and the ecosystem services provided by hatcheries.
- Engage Tribal Co-managers in Policy development
- Public Outreach and Engagement (led by consultant and WDFW)
- Commission considers final reports and policy recommendations (synthesizing information from the three documents above, incorporating input from tribes, partners, stakeholders, and the public).

The Commission will participate in a workshop that includes senior scientists from WDFW Fish Program Science Division. These scientists will present key findings from their report, “A review of hatchery reform science in Washington State.” The report addresses the benefits of hatcheries and describes associated fishery, ecological, and genetic risks. The report provides an update on the scientific elements of hatchery reform with a focus on those elements that have emerged since the Commission’s policy (C-3619) was adopted in 2009. There will be an opportunity for public comment toward the end of the workshop.

Staff recommendation:

None at this time.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

None at this time.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

NA

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

3/15/19 – 3/31/19 – Stakeholder Interviews – conducted by Triangle Associates – thoughts and

opinions were collected and summarized by Triangle in a document available on the H&FRP Review webpage.

4/11/2019 – Open Public Meeting – facilitated by Triangle Associates – this was video recorded and a written summary was provided by Triangle. Both items are available on the H&FRP Review webpage

5/23/2019 – WSAS Science Workshop – a day long workshop for WDFW writers, WSAS' Committee members, supplemental reviewers, and observers. Written summary of workshop available on the webpage.

H&FRP Review Webpage Link:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/hatcheries/hatchery-reform-policy-review>

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Acceptance or further guidance on the science review report.

Draft motion language:

NA

Post decision communications plan:

NA
