Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy Review

Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
April 10, 2020

Project Status Update
• Laurie Peterson, Fish Science Division Manager
FWC Decision in June 2018

“...review of all sections and aspects of [Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619)]...

...suspend policy guidelines 1, 2, and 3 for salmon species other than steelhead.”

Review to Include

- Examining performance results since the policy was adopted
- Conducting Science Review, Emerging Science focus
- Providing alternatives for possible policy changes
Project Elements

- Policy Review based on:
  - Science Review, Emerging Science
  - Policy Performance Evaluation
  - Joint Co-manager Hatchery Benefits document
Project Elements (Continued)

• Engage Tribal Co-managers in Policy development
• Partners and Public - Outreach and Engagement
• Commission considers final reports, recommendations, and alternatives for possible policy changes.
Status: Complete

• Washington Academy of Sciences (WSAS) completed third (final) review – Oct. 31, 2019
• January 2020: Distributed document to Commissioners, Tribes, Partners, Public
• Science Review workshop completed February 6, 2020
• Currently addressing follow-up questions, input from Commissioners
Status: Working Draft Distributed Feb 27

- Reviewed policy performance since adoption
- Evaluated 11 policy guidelines
  - Green, Yellow, Red report card format, relative to defined performance metrics
- Completed workshop with Commissioners on April 9
FWC Meeting & DFW Workshop: Science Review

Timeline Moving Forward

Feb ’20: FWC Meeting; Policy Performance Workshop; Guidance – Policy Language

Apr ’20: FWC Meeting; Policy Performance Workshop; Guidance – Policy Language

June ’20: Fish Committee Meeting; Draft Policy Language Review, Feedback

Jul-Aug ‘20: FWC Meeting; mark-up draft version of policy for public review

Oct ‘20: FWC Completes Two Meeting Decision Process

Feb. 26: Tribal Co-Manager Engagement Meetings

Apr. 3: Co-manager’s Hatchery Benefits Document

July, TBD: Public and Partner Involvement

FWC Fish Committee Monthly Updates
Questions, Comments?