

Committee Meeting Report

March 11, 2020 Columbia River Fishery Policy Workgroup Meeting

Report to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

March 13, 2020

Kennewick, Washington

The Columbia River Fishery Policy Workgroup met March 11, 2020 by conference call and test webinar. Workgroup Members Kehoe and McIsaac were present in Olympia, along with Commissioner Anderson, and staff members Bill Tweit, Ryan Lothrop and Nikki Kloepper. Workgroup member Graybill attended by test webinar. Approximately 20 members of the public and other staff members attended on a conference call line.

The agenda is attached. All agenda items were addressed except the staff analysis paper on the question of a voluntary or mandatory barbless hook requirement, which was set aside until a time when more of the Commissioners might be able to hear the information and analysis.

A more detailed meeting summary will be prepared and posted on the website. In the interests of brevity, the highlights of the meeting results are as follows.

- Regarding the Range of Alternatives for allocation and management measures, three alternatives were modified and staff analysis of effects assigned; one alternative was deactivated from further consideration by the Workgroup; and three alternatives were assigned for further analysis.
- The draft policy language document was reviewed, and several edits and clarification were identified for incorporation into the next draft for further consideration at the next Workgroup meeting.

The Workgroup agreed on one recommendation for the full Commission to be considered at this meeting: that the schedule adopted at the February Commission meeting be modified from an April – June two meeting decision process to a June – August two meeting process. The basis of this recommendation was the concern expressed at the February Commission meeting about the early-April staff workload burdens during the confluence of North of Falcon, Pacific Council, and Commission meetings. The recommendation is as follows:

June 10 or 11	Yakima	Workgroup meeting to discuss public review draft of Policy C-3620 changes and make a recommendation to full Commission
June 10 or 11	Yakima	Commission agenda item on a decision to release a draft with changes to Policy C-3620 for public review
July 29 or 30	Aberdeen	Workgroup meeting to discuss recommendations on final Policy C-3620 changes
July 31 or Aug 1	Aberdeen	Commission agenda item on a final decision on any changes to Policy C-3620

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Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Workgroup

March 11, 2020 1 p.m. – 5p.m.

Red Lion Columbia Center

1101 N Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick WA 99336

1:00 – 1:15	1) Opening Remarks and Adoption of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Opening Remarksb) Administrative Matters<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Workgroup Proceduresii) Meeting Purposec) Adoption of Agenda
1:15 – 4:00	2) Review of Remaining Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Overview of the Full Range of Alternatives Agenda Item 2.0. Range of Alternatives for Possible Policy Changesb) Review of Remaining Technical Analysis<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Spring Chinook<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Recreational/Commercial Allocation Agenda item 2.b.i.1. Spring Chinook Abundance-based Matrix.(2) Allocation of Unused Recreational and Commercial Impacts Agenda Item 2.b.i.2. Spring Chinook Unused Impacts.ii) Summer Chinook<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Recreational/Commercial Allocation below Priest Rapids Dam Agenda Item 2.b.ii.1. Summer Chinook Abundance-based Matrix.Agenda Item 2.b.ii.1.2. Summer Chinook Unused Commercial Impacts.Agenda Item 2.b.ii.1.3 Effects of Harvest Reform Policies on Angling Opportunity.c) Review of Possible Policy Language Changes<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Review/discussion of the November 18, 2019 draft policy document Agenda Item 2.c.i.1. Pre-decisional Discussion Draft of Joint-State Policy Agreement.Agenda Item 2.c.i.2. Barbless Hook Information Summary.
4:00 - 4:15	3) Future Process and Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Process Agenda Item 4.0. February 8, 2020 Graphic of Policy C-3620 Review Process
4:15 - 4:30	4) Conclusionary Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Review of Staff Assignmentsb) Closing Remarks