

# Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622

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# Presentation Outline

- Policy C-3622 Comprehensive Review Document
  - Language additions
  - Public feedback
- Review Public Comments on Policy C-3622
- Timeline and Next Steps





# **Policy C-3622 Comprehensive Review Document**

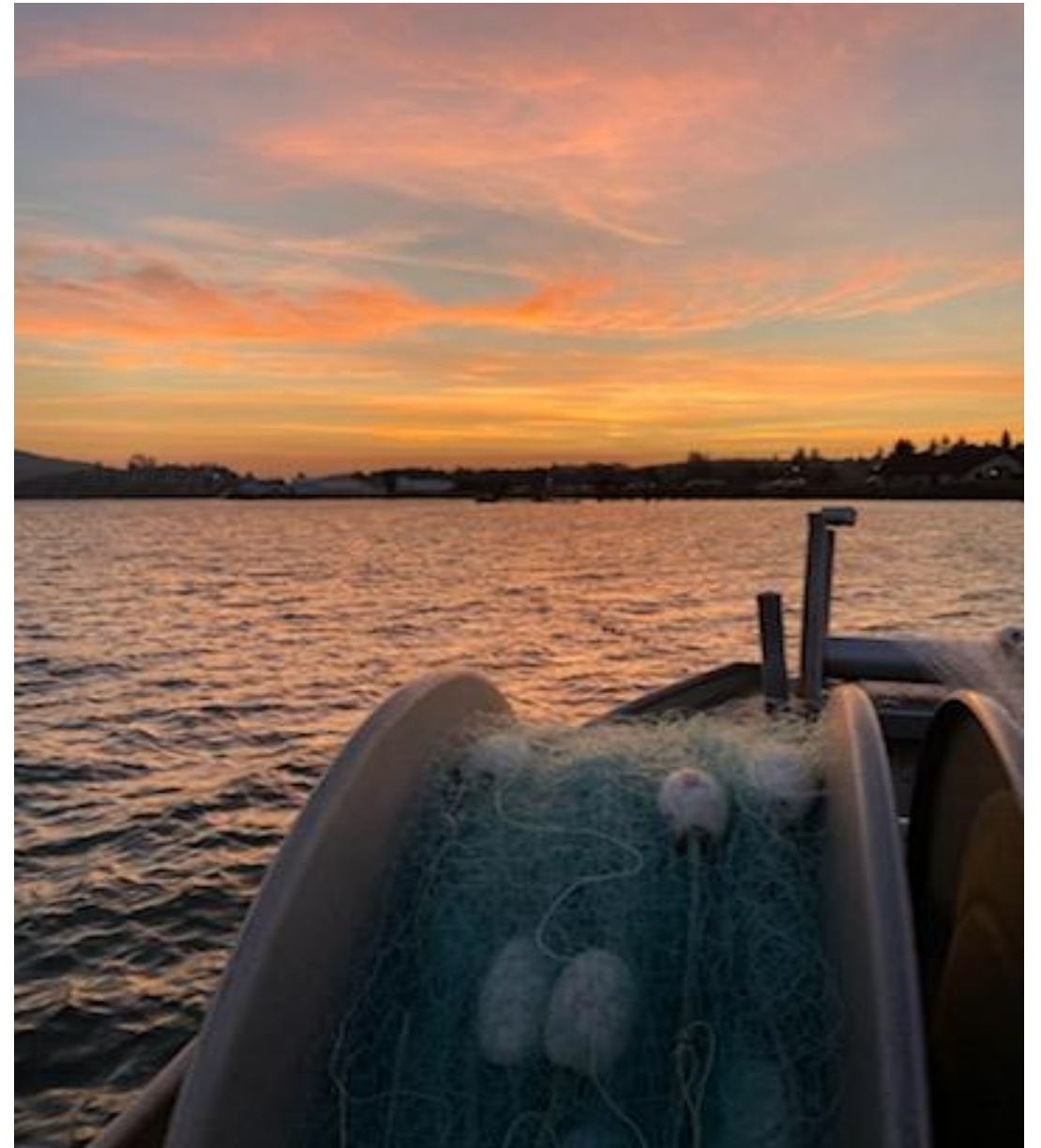
# Review Document Language

- Policy Objectives
  - Achieve restoration of wild salmon
  - Avoid ESA designation
  - Maintain or enhance economic well-being
  - Appropriate distribution of fishing opportunities
  - Enhanced transparency, information sharing, and improved technical rigor
  - Restore and maintain public trust and support



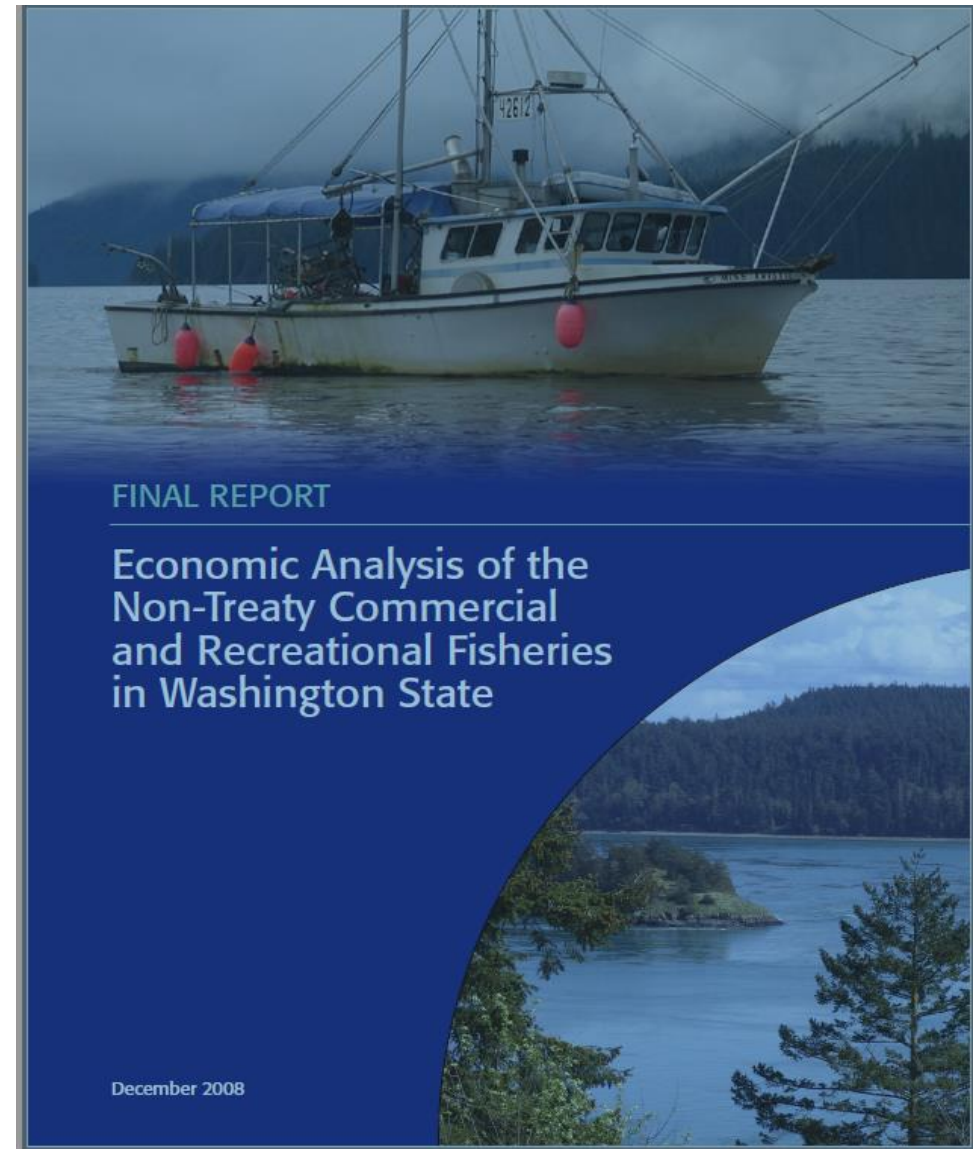
# Public Comments

- Economic Analysis
  - Need a more robust analysis of economics of commercial fisheries
  - Radke 2015
- Review document provides basic economic data
  - Lack of economic expertise



# Public Comments

- Commercial Fishery Economics
  - Economic benefit
  - June 2015 FWC meeting
  - Wegge 2008
    - » Table 5
    - » Ex-vessel value/Total personal income generated (direct and in-direct)
    - » Expansion factor of 2.24



# Public Comments

- Alternative Gear in commercial fisheries
  - Research in Willapa Bay from 2001 - 2007
- Review document was meant to cover policy implementation and performance in Phase One (2015-2018)
  - Tangle nets feasible and economically viable



# Public Comments

- Chinook pre-spawn mortalities
  - Included in run reconstructions
  - Collected during stream surveys
  - Only females are counted
  - Not an expanded number
  - Mostly hatchery fish

Year	NOR	HOR
2018	72	591
2017	66	11
2016	23	3
2015	542	2,241
<b>Average</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>712</b>







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# Public Comments on Policy C-3622

- The policy has ruined current sport and commercial fisheries
- Eliminate commercial gillnets use in Willapa Bay
- Increase hatchery production to return to old fish numbers
- Percentage based harvesting by applying and removing limits
- Stop distinguishing between hatchery fish and wild fish. There is no differences in genetics based on WDFW study
- Lack of collaboration on the Willapa Policy with advisors outside WDFW
- Commercial opportunity is not economically feasible
- Policy was never fully implemented
- Payback was never implemented when harvest rate was exceeded
- Can the North River protection be made permanent
- Abandon current C-3622 policy
- Don't shift Forks Creek egg production to Nemah and Naselle
- No clear metrics for hatchery reform
- Pre-policy pHOS numbers were due to hatchery operations
- Differences in NOR:HOR ratios in fisheries vs spawning grounds
- More education with FWC regarding how habitat restoration works in WA. There is confusion on whose job duty it is.
- Maximize hatchery production at all facilities
- Eliminate harvest priorities for specific fishery sectors
- Survival of Chinook is poor in Naselle and Nemah rivers



# Public Comments

- Press release on Sept. 16 – Oct. 12
- “Should policy be modified” and “What sort of modifications are needed”
- 19 comments submitted
  - Recreational fishers
    - Forks Creek hatchery production
  - Twin Harbors Advocacy
  - Salmon for All
  - Pacific County Commissioner’s
  - Commercial advisors





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- Policy C-3622
  - Adopted June 2015 and expires in 2023
- Comprehensive Review
  - 12 Advisory group or public meetings/workshops
  - Between Jan 23, 2018 and Aug 18, 2020
  - Agendas, meeting materials, and audio on webpage
  - Notes attached as Appendix 6
- Comp. Review (Cont.)
  - <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wbsag>
  - Review document submitted in Sept. 2020
- Commission's Next Steps





# Questions