

2021 Grays Harbor Proposals and Fisheries Discussion
April 12, 2021 7-8 p.m.
Via ZOOM Video/Phone conference platform

WDFW Staff: Marlene Wagner, Mike Scharpf, Leah Snyder, Mark Baltzell, Kim Figlar-Barnes,
James Losee, Chad Herring, Ron Warren, Kelly Cunningham
Public: 9 individuals participated

Presentation

Marlene Wagner

- Welcome and meeting logistics/rules

Mike Scharpf

- Discussion of fishery proposal ideas: 2, 3B and 3C
 - Meet management objectives
 - Include suggestions from public
 - To date no exchange of proposals with Quinault Indian Nation
- Idea 2
 - Similar to last meeting with some updates
 - September important to marine fishery
 - Two-week gap not popular
 - North Bay
 - ◆ Extended through Sept. 23rd
 - East Bay
 - Oct 1 to Nov 30th
- Lower River- all ideas
 - Extended jack fishery to Sept. 23rd
- Idea 3B
 - Two-day closure Sunday and Monday
 - Impacts a bit less at 4.53%
- Idea 3C
 - Full weekend fishery impacts go up to 4.79%
- Ideas 3B & 3C
 - Would keep wild coho harvest through December
- NT Commercial
 - Schedule same for all 3 ideas
- Management Objectives
 - Fall Chinook – Escapements in red font.
 - WDFW proposed fisheries below the 50% management sharing requirement with co-manager
 - Co-manager needs to adjust their schedule

Public Comments

Dave H. (Rec. fishery)

- Ideas 3B & 3C
 - E. Bay and lower Chehalis go to same days of the week; What is the purpose?

- Mike Scharpf -Trying to keep bay and lower river in similar schedule to reduce conflict
- Prefer Idea 3C - Allows everyone an opportunity
 - Co-manager usually goes in Sunday at noon Wed.
 - Tough for tidal fishers to fish with co-manager
 - No win-win situation; a lose-lose situation
 - Need to make coho escapement

Bill O. (Rec. fishery)

- Wynoochee River Mitigation been going on since 1991
 - 30 years - no mitigation for coho & steelhead
 - Department not doing anything about it
- Only Chum fishery this year on Wynoochee
- Wynoochee River – Is there a number for how many wild coho are needed?
 - Mike Scharpf -wild coho are managed to a basin wide goal
 - Every tributary contributes to basin wide goal
- Wynoochee River trap numbers - kept track of numbers over the years
 - Other fisheries take Wynoochee fish before fish reach the river
 - No wild coho retention this year

Andy M. (NT Comm. fishery)

- For the 4-day fishing week; Where do you plan to shift effort if tribe fishes during the 4 days?
 - Mike Scharpf - Cannot comment until get something from co-manager

Mark Baltzell

- Any contact with co-managers?
 - Mike Scharpf – emails sent, no response yet
 - Quinault Indian Nation was e-mailed this proposal
- Committed to communicating once hear from co-managers
 - PFMC - Modeling will be done with some new updates
 - Should know more after modeling in the morning
 - Still have co-manager treaty troll options to go through for ocean options to be narrowed

Garrett M. (Rec. fishery)

- Opposition to Idea 3B
 - Restricts fishery for working folks
 - Would like both weekend days available
- Supports Idea 2 and 3C

Meeting concluded at 7:32 pm