

2021 Grays Harbor North of Falcon Public Meeting # 2  
April 6, 2021 6-8 p.m.  
Via ZOOM Video/Phone conference platform

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WDFW Staff: Marlene Wagner, Mike Scharpf, Leah Snyder, Mark Baltzell, Kyle Adicks, Kim Figlar-Barnes, James Losee, Chad Herring, Ron Warren, Kelly Cunningham  
Public: 13 individuals participated in ZOOM video/phone conference

**Presentation**

Marlene Wagner

- Welcome and meeting logistics/rules
- Review NOF process & remaining public meetings

Mark Baltzell

- Review Ocean Alternative with emphasis on low coho option
  - Differences with co-managers; Queets coho management
  - No agreed to fishing schedule with QIN
- 2021 GH management objective review

Mike Scharpf

- Fishery Proposal Review ideas 1-7
  - Proposals modeled with WDFW management objectives
  - Scalers used to down grade harvest rates by certain percentages for Idea's 3-7
  - Humptulips River same as 2020 season
- Idea 1
  - Used 2018 season East Bay & Lower River
  - NT Commercial
  - 2A/2D: Three 12-hour days and two 12-hour days
  - 2C: Four 24-hour days and two 24-hour days
  - Chehalis escapement not met for Chinook, met Grays Harbor escapement
- Idea 2
  - Adjustments to fisheries made coho impacts equal to 5.0%
- Idea 3
  - Crafted fisheries similar to idea 2
  - Kept last week of Sept. open - too costly to wild coho
- Idea 4
  - Similar to idea 3
    - Closed Mon.-Wed.
    - Open full weekend increased impacts to wild coho
- Idea 5
  - One and done with Oct. only fishery
  - Not able to achieve 5.0%

- Idea 6
  - Last 2 weeks of Sept. open for lower river Tues-Sat.
  - Closer to 5.0 % impact
  - But violates sharing in Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy (GHBSMP) between user groups (marine vs. freshwater)
- Idea 7
  - Closed Mon-Wed.
  - Still not meeting 5.0%
- Review of public fishery suggestions received to date pertaining to Grays Harbor Fishery Ideas 1-7
  - Some of these public fishery suggestions were modeled, but did not meet the 5.0% impact rate

Mark Baltzell

- Opens meeting to public comments
- Committed to additional communication regarding where we are with fishery options
- Meeting next week to discuss formalized Grays Harbor fishery options

**Public Comments** *(Note: some public comment notes are incomplete due to ZOOM platform connectivity issues occurring during this portion of the meeting)*

Frances E – (Rec. fishery)

- Jack fishery – agree with retaining Chinook jack when fishery is open to jacks
  - No harm to Chinook with jack retention
  - Anglers should be allowed to keep jacks while fishing for adult limit
- Chinook
  - Hatchery Chinook retention should be allowed while fishing for coho
  - Could save impacts on wild coho
- Sharing between marine and freshwater, always slanted to freshwater
- Is there a way for the bay (2C or 2D) to have continuous time?
  - Any way to avoid 2-week gap?
- Need to try to equalize the freshwater and marine sharing
- Would reject ideas that have 2-week gaps

Dave H. (Rec. fishery)

- Chinook – No hatchery Chinook retention they are part of the broodstocking program
- Marine & Freshwater sharing - not equal; Can freshwater be adjusted for more equal sharing of marine sector?
- Better off losing days of week instead of losing 2 weeks of Sept.
- Jack fishery – keeping Chinook jack
  - Only issue - Chinook mortalities may occur when measuring fish for jack size
- Can “Ideas” be mixed and matched with different ones to see additional outputs?

- NT Commercial within GHBSMP guidelines?
- Prefer Idea 6 - works well
  - Need to adjust fisheries to get percentage savings
- Idea 2 - 101 to 107 tide waters; What is being proposed?
  - Mike Scharpf – There is a mistake with table, should be Oct. 1 – Dec 31, 1 fish, release Chinook and wild coho

Bill O. (Rec. fishery)

- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> best time to catch jacks; listed as closed
- 12/14/2020: Fishing rule change due to steelhead concerns
  - Missed best coho fishing during last two weeks of December

Tedlon (Rec. fishery)

- Guide friends were closed when there was no fishing from vessel
  - Will this continue to happen?

Meeting concluded at 7:14 pm