

# Non-native Game Fish and Fisheries Policy

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# Overview

- Adjustments to schedule
- Coordination with neighboring states
- Edits to draft language
  - Highlights



# Schedule

Date	Action	Note
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Commission Briefing</b>	<b>Briefing on draft policy and public comments received &amp; FWC guidance</b>
July-September	Coordinate with OR and ID	Complete
August-September	Revise draft policy language	Complete
Early October	2nd Draft of policy	Complete
Early October	6th meeting of advisory group	Reviewed 2nd draft – integrated relevant comments for October Commission briefing
<b>October 21-23</b>	<b>Commission Briefing and Public Hearing</b>	<b>Public Comment on Policy and FWC guidance</b>
November	Final Policy and SEPA	14-day review period during early Nov.
November	7th meeting of advisory group	Review SEPA comments
<b>December 2-4</b>	<b>Commission Briefing and Decision</b>	<b>Staff recommendation and FWC decision</b>
Late December	Final Advisory Group Meeting	Final policy decision and ad-hoc Advisory Group close out



# Prior Rule Changes in WA

## Eliminated daily limits of bass, walleye and channel catfish

- 2013 Washington/Oregon Border - Chief Joseph Dam mainstem and major tributaries
- 2016 Washington/Oregon Border – downstream to mouth mainstem and major tributaries
- 2018 expanded to include all tributaries in the Columbia River basin.
- 2019 Concurrent regulations on Snake River with Idaho

## 2019 House Bill 1579

- Rivers: Remove size limits and daily limits.
- 77 Lakes: Maintain size limits with increased daily limits.



# Coordination with Oregon

- Concurrent regulations in shared waters
- Oregon Non-native game fish Policy
  - Very similar content
  - OR Commission requested additional outreach



# Coordination with Idaho

- IDFG does not have a non-native gamefish policy, not actively creating one
- As of 2019, concurrent regulations on Snake River (Clearwater Region).
  - No bag/size/possession limit (LMB, CC, WAL)
- Statewide Management similar to ours
  - LMB Limit 6, >12" (except Clearwater and Salmon regions)



# Draft Policy

- Removed superlatives (most/least conservative).
- Edits to improve clarity & consistency
- Examples of regulations or actions associated with policy statements were included.
- Reviewed revised draft with advisory group.





**Questions?**





# Public Comment