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C-3621	<a href="#">Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management</a>	2/28/2014		12/30/2023		Miranda Wecker, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The objective of this policy is to advance the conservation and restoration of wild salmon while providing the public with outdoor recreational experiences and a fair distribution of fishing opportunities throughout the Grays Harbor Basin.	Expires Dec. 30, 2023	Yes	Further review needed.
C-6002	<a href="#">Private Lands Access</a>	11/18/2005	C-6002 dated Dec. 6, 1996			Ron Ozment, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	It is the policy of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission to maintain a viable private lands access program that encourages formal partnership agreements with private landowners.		Yes	Further review needed.
C-6001	<a href="#">Policy Guidelines for Negotiation and Maintenance of the Colville Agreement</a>	10/2/1997				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	Goals, elements and delgation of authority for Negotiation and Maintenance of the Colville Agreement		Yes	Further review needed.
C-3012	<a href="#">Forage Fish Management Policy, Goals and Plan</a>	1/23/1998				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	"It shall be the policy of the department to maintain healthy populations of forage fish species and individual stocks of forage fish while assuring the integrity of the ecosystem and habitat upon which marine resources depend. If insufficient information exists or the condition of the resource is poor, a conservative approach to fisheries will be taken. Fishery management plans will consider the role of forage fish in the marine ecosystem and the need to supply sufficient quantities of forage fish for ecosystem needs. A precautionary approach to resource management shall be utilized. The department shall consider the best scientific information available." Numerous goals, including habitat focus, allocation, stock assessments, etc., calls out several specific species with goals for each.	Yes, annual review of each species listed	Yes.	Further review needed. Consider combining wit C-3612. Directs the department to impliment the Wild Salmonid Policy...
C-3612	<a href="#">Columbia River Smelt (Eulachon)</a>	12/7/2000				Russell W. Cahill, Fish and Wildlife Commission Vice Chair	This policy provides guidance for the harvest and habitat management of Columbia River smelt (Eulachon). "Commercial and recreational fishing opportunity shall be maintained in the lower Columbia River, to include opportunities in both the mainstem and tributaries for both fleets."	No	No.	Further review needed. Consider combining with C-3012.
C-3604	<a href="#">Management Objectives For Coastal Dungeness Crab</a>	8/5/1999	C-3604 (Effective 11/1/96-8/6/99)			Kelly D. White, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	Lists goals and policies. Includes allocation focus on commercial industry.	There are no review or reporting requirements and the policy does not have an expiration	Yes, the policy is relevant and is often referred to when considering policies impacting the coastal commercial D. crab fishery. While the title isn't clear, it's used primarily as guidance for the commercial fishery. With changes to the fishery and managment under a Conservation Plan, developed to secure an ITP, updates are needed so the policy reflects the CP's management approach. There is no allocation of D. crab but the policy speaks to prioritizing the benefit of coastal crab for the commercial sector.	Further review needed. This policy needs to be updated to align with the Conservation Plan. I anticipate that changes will trigger discussion from stakeholders. We talked recently about this with the Director.
C-7001	<a href="#">Actions and Guidelines to Improve the Conservation of Washington's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources</a>	1/5/2017				Bradley Smith, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The purpose of this policy is to establish strategies for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to better preserve and protect our state's diverse fish and wildlife resources.	No	Absolutely.	Further review needed. Update to reflect support for RAWA and other ongoing efforts to further fund conservation - Relatively new policy, no need for major changes to the theme. A few tweaks - it specifically calls out the 2015 SWAP, but we know we'll be updating. Perhaps elimitate the date? It also talks about the Blue Ribbon panel, which preceded RAWA. Consider specifically calling out RAWA and suggest updating to reflect current approach, which does not tie the pay-for to energy/mining revenues. Also, consider removing reference to Wild Future Initiative. This feels very grounded in time. Some language is irrelevant, the general theme is solid. We like the idea of removing the data from the SWAP reference since it is updated on a regular timeline. Updating to reference RAWA would make sense, but not sure the work would be complete in time to be relevant. We also think this would result in the Commission discussing the Conservation policy/ road map. (Wildlife Program)
C-3608	<a href="#">2019-2023 North of Falcon</a>	1/11/2019	C-3608 2017-2018	12/31/2023			This Policy will guide Department staff in considering conservation, allocation, in-season management, and monitoring issues associated with the annual salmon fishery planning process known as "North of Falcon.	Expires 12/31/2023	Yes	Keep as is.

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C-3010	<a href="#">Lake and Stream Rehabilitations</a>	2/7/2002				Russell W. Cahill, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The control of undesirable fish populations using chemical piscicides is a valuable and cost effective management tool for providing quality fishing opportunities and protecting native species in many waters of the state. Follow all laws, don't adversely impact listed species, hold a public meeting before application decision, conduct population and risk assessment before applying to a lake the first time.	No. There is no review or reporting associated with this policy. Public notification is part of this policy, but more importantly it is a part of our NPDES permit requirements.	This policy is redundant, which makes it irrelevant. It basically states that we must follow applicable state and federal laws or impact listed species. This process is already tightly regulated through the EPA, Departments of Ag and Ecology. No matter what this policy says, we must follow state and federal laws, as well as conditions of our NPDES permit.	Keep as is.
C-3013	<a href="#">Marine Protected Areas</a>	6/12/1998				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife will use marine protected areas as one of the agency's working tools for resource protection and management. The Director will be responsible for plan development and implementation to manage consumptive and/or non-consumptive uses.	No. There is no review or reporting associated with this policy.	Fish program says: It does provide some general guidance but it may not be entirely relevant. Habitat program says: I think it's useful to have an MPA policy from a habitat perspective, but Fish is in the lead as to specific content here and whether it's working. (Mergen)	Keep as is.
C-3603	<a href="#">Policy Guidelines For Pacific Fishery Management Council Representation</a>	8/10/2000				Russell W. Cahill, Fish and Wildlife Commission Vice Chair	Lists 11 goals department should strive to achieve on the council.	No review, reporting or expiration issues.	Yes, the policy is relevant as is.	Keep as is.
C-3610	<a href="#">Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery</a>	12/14/2012	C-3610, effective 2-10-2003 Effective Date: December 15, 2012  C-3008, effective 1-4-1997			Miranda Wecker, Chair, Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission	The purpose of this policy is to provide the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) policy direction in meeting the dual mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats while providing fish and wildlife related recreational and commercial opportunities as it relates to the Puget Sound shrimp resource. Sets out 11 policy guidelines. Includes regional allocation guidelines. Calls for legislative work for commercial buy-back.	Review - No; Reporting - Yes, annual reports due to commission; Expiration - No	Yes	Keep as is.
C-3601	<a href="#">Management Policy for Pacific Halibut</a>	6/4/2004	POL C-3601 adopted August 15, 1997			Ron Ozment, Chair, Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission	Outlines the management policy for the Pacific halibut. Participate in Pac.Halibut Commission process. Monitor and minimize incidental bycatch. Some rec vs. commercial discussion. References an ad hoc Halibut Advisory Group.	No review, reporting or expiration issues	Yes, the policy is relevant as is. IOP has discussed formalizing the ad hoc advisory board which may not require a policy change	Keep as is.
C-3001	<a href="#">Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management</a>	1/25/2019	2014-2018 Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management C-3001		Policy C-3608	Larry Carpenter, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The purpose is to provide guidelines for management of the Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon population and fisheries. Focus on protecting and increasing spawning populations. Precautionary approach. Combined sport and commercial harvest, 80/20 allocation. Population monitoring. Quantify fishing impacts. Provide sanctuaries. Achieve concurrency.	Yes, Annual updates, and a 5-year policy review	Sort of. We will be working on a statewide white sturgeon conservation and management plan. Is a commission policy really needed? Feels like the NOF policy could be enough.	Keep as is.
C-3605	<a href="#">Principles For Negotiating State/Tribal Shellfish Management Agreements</a>	9/27/1996				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	Lists 8 directives, some of which are inherent "givens" like comply with USVWA orders.	No review, reporting, or expiration defined.	Overall yes, though some specific provisions in the policy could be updated to increase their relevance.	Keep as is.
C-6003	<a href="#">Domestic Livestock Grazing on Department Lands</a>	2/12/2021				Larry Carpenter, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	Domestic livestock grazing on Department owned or controlled lands may be permitted if consistent with WDFW's conservation mission and WAC 220-500-200.		Yes	Keep as is.
C-3611	<a href="#">Marine Fish Culture</a>	3/9/2007	Policy C-3611, Adopted Aug. 11, 2000			Jerry Gutzwiller, Fish and Wildlife Commission, Chair	This policy applies to the use and application pertaining to the culture and release of marine fish species. It is intended to preserve and protect the integrity of natural occurring populations of marine fish in Puget Sound and coastal waters adjacent to the state of Washington.	No. There is no review or reporting associated with this policy.	It does provide some general guidance but it may not be entirely relevant.	Keep as is.
C-3607	<a href="#">Tribal Hunting Coordination</a>	4/2/1998				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The following policies guide Department staff in their relationships with the tribes during tribal hunting coordination.	N/A	Yes	Keep as is.

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C-3624	<a href="#">Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy</a>	4/9/2021				Larry Carpenter, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	This Policy is applicable to hatcheries operated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) with programs for anadromous salmon and steelhead. The intent of this Policy is to provide direction, goals, and objectives to improve hatchery effectiveness and ensure compatibility between hatchery salmon and steelhead production and wild salmon and steelhead conservation and recovery in a manner that optimally achieves the stated purpose of this Policy.	There is not an expiration date. Regular presentations to the FW Commission are needed to communicate progress on developing the Technical Procedures Document that will inform development of Hatchery Management Plans (HMPs) for hatchery programs across the state. Per policy language: "The technical procedures document will be subjected to an environmental review separate from an environmental review of this Policy. HMPs will be developed after the completion and approval of the technical procedures document"... "The Director shall strive to complete the technical procedures document within one year following the adoption of this Policy and provide the Commission with periodic briefings on its content as it is developed. The HMPs should be completed within five years following the adoption of this Policy."	Yes, very relevant currently and into the future.	Keep as is.
C-3009	<a href="#">Razor Clam Management</a>	1/3/1997				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The management objectives for the razor clam fishery are: Manage the razor clam resource on all coastal beaches for recreational use with a minor separate commercial fishery located only on detached spits of Willapa Bay. Protect public health and safety. Manage the resource to maintain stable and healthy populations. Maximize recreational opportunity. Provide a quality recreational experience. Independently manage the razor clam populations on Kalaloch, Mocrocks, Copalis, Twin Harbors and Long Beach while considering the pertinent interactions of seasons, effort, opportunity and tribal allocations. Provide for consistent commercial fishing opportunity that does not conflict with the recreational fishery.	No. There is no review or reporting associated with this policy.	Yes, it does give some guidance for management.	Keep as is.
C-3630	<a href="#">Columbia River Salmon Fishery Management</a>	9/11/2020	C-3617, 2009 C-3618, 2011 C-3620, 2013 C-3620, 2017			Larry Carpenter, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The over-arching purposes of this Policy are to guide management of Columbia River non-Tribal fisheries.	Yes, annual updates and a comprehensive review as soon as possible after 2025.	Yes.	Keep as is.
C-3609	<a href="#">Puget Sound Crab Fishery</a>	9/30/2010	C-3609 effective 2/5/2000			Miranda Wecker, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The purpose of this policy is to provide the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife policy direction in meeting the dual mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats while providing fish and wildlife related recreational and commercial opportunities as it relates to the Puget Sound Dungeness crab resource. Provides allocation goals, mostly focusing on recreational, on region-by-region basis.	Review - No; Reporting - Yes, annual reports due to commission; Expiration - No	Yes	Keep as is.
C-5001	<a href="#">Timber/Fish/Wildlife Forestry Module Negotiation Guidance</a>	4/17/1997				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The Fish and Wildlife Commission supports the agency's involvement in the Timber, Fish, and Wildlife (TFW) forum for riparian habitat protection, provided that a) substantial progress is being made, and b) these negotiations have a goal of conforming with state law, the federal Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act. The Commission views the TFW forum and its proposed work plan as an ideal opportunity for WDFW to begin early progress toward addressing the issue of fish habitat protection on nonfederal forest lands. WDFW will provide periodic briefings on progress TFW is making on this important aspect of fish habitat conservation.	No	No longer relevant. TFW was negotiated and adopted Forest and Fish law has been in-place since 1999.	Repeal.
C-6005	<a href="#">Master Hunter Program</a>	12/6/2007				Jerry Gutzweiler, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will develop a Master Hunter Program that provides an adequate number of hunters, with specific qualifications, to address the wildlife/human interaction outlined in the discussion above.	Reporting by Director twice per year	The policy called for creation of Master Hunter program, which was completed. Later, statutes essentially supercede this policy and it is no longer relevant.	Repeal.

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C-3003	<a href="#">Puget Sound Groundfish Management</a>	10/31/1996				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	Policy purpose is to address "below-average, depressed or critical stock condition." "Under conditions of low stock abundance or insufficient information to assess stocks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) should evaluate the level of conservation in groundfish management." Policy: "It is the policy of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission to manage Puget Sound groundfish, especially Pacific cod, in a conservative manner in order to minimize the risk of overharvest and to ensure the long-term of health of the resource."	No. There is no review or reporting associated with this policy.	No, not really, it recognizes that the is a conservation need and pretty much restates current statute with our mission statement.	Repeal.
C-3002	<a href="#">North Pacific Fishery Management Council</a>	8/8/1996				Lisa Pelly, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	Lists general and specific policies in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Forum.	No expiration date or requirements for reporting or review. For a few years, the Commission was requesting an annual summary from me, but that seems to have fallen off.	Not particularly relevant at this time.	Repeal.
C-3622	<a href="#">Willapa Bay Salmon Management</a>	6/12/2015	2011-2013 Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management C-3001			Bradley Smith, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	The objective of this policy is to achieve the conservation and restoration of wild salmon in Willapa Bay and avoid ESA designation of any salmon species.	Expires Dec. 30, 2023	Yes	Undergoing Commission revision.
C-4001	<a href="#">Budget Reductions FY2009-11</a>	1/8/2009		12/30/2009		Jerry Gutzwiler, Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair	This Policy is intended to ensure that the budget reductions undertaken in response to the deficit will be consistent with the priorities of the Commission and the guidance provided by the Governor's Office.			