

Fish Committee Recommendation on the Coastal Steelhead Proviso
Implementation Plan and Supplemental Budget Request
December 8, 2022

The Fish Committee recommends the Commission

1. endorse the December 1, 2022 draft of the Coastal Steelhead Proviso Implementation Plan, with the two revisions described below, and
2. approve the supplemental budget request of \$5.9 M as described in the agenda item 9 materials.

The revisions to the December 1, 2022 Coastal Steelhead Proviso Implementation Plan document are to

1. Replace the first sentence of the Executive Summary sentence with the following two sentences:

It is important to note that the Coastal Steelhead Proviso Implementation Plan (CSPIP) is intended to advance steelhead fishery management in the river systems of Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and the coastal Olympic Peninsula in a manner consistent with existing policies in the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan (SSMP), the Anadromous Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Policy C-3624 (2021), and the proposed Joint Comanager Hatchery Policy (currently under consideration). The CSPIP does not represent new policy.

2. Replace the last sentence in paragraph 5 with the following sentence:
Importantly, the development of RMPS will consistent with adopted Department policies and be done in a manner cooperatively with Tribal co-managers and federal partners.