



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/7/2023

Agenda item:

Lake Roosevelt White Sturgeon – Rule Making Authority Delegation to the Director- briefing, decision

Presenter(s):

Chris Donley, Region 1 fish program manager

Background summary:

A recreational and tribal fishery for white sturgeon has been ongoing in Lake Roosevelt since 2017. The fishery has been regulated under emergency rules. Staff have developed a long-term fishery strategy for white sturgeon in Lake Roosevelt that would allow for permanent rule setting. The long-term fishery strategy will require periodic amendment to the permanent rule. Staff are recommending that the Commission delegate rulemaking authority for the Lake Roosevelt sturgeon fishery to the Director. This proposed action would reduce the administrative workload on the Commission. This proposal is similar to the annual clam and oyster rulemaking process that is conducted by the department annually.

Staff recommendation:

Delegate rulemaking authority for the Lake Roosevelt white sturgeon fishery to the Director.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Rulemaking authority for the Lake Roosevelt white sturgeon fishery is delegated by the Fish and Wildlife Commission to the Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

If rulemaking authority is delegated to the Director, the public will be involved in the rulemaking process and will be afforded the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule changes to the Lake Roosevelt white sturgeon fishery.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

The Commission will consider the proposed action and is being asked by staff to delegate rulemaking authority for the Lake Roosevelt white sturgeon fishery to the Director. If delegation authority is approved, staff will move forward with rulemaking under the Director’s authority.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to delegate rulemaking for the Lake Roosevelt white sturgeon fishery to the Director as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker states the basis for the motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

None
