

Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

Willapa Bay Policy C-3622

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Presentation Overview

- Policy Revision Process
- Proposed language for a motion



Policy Revision Process Overview: 2020-23

Year	Meeting ¹	Date	Purpose	Topic	Materials with links
2020	FWC	5-Dec TVW	Briefing; Public Comment; Decision	Overview of Comprehensive Review Document; Items for possible Policy revision; Public Comment	Summary Sheet ; Presentation
2021	FWC	30-Jan TVW	Briefing; Public Comment	Timeline and process for Policy revisions; Background on policy for interim guidance; Review of Policy issues for revision	Summary Sheet ; Presentation
	FWC	27-Feb TVW	Briefing; Public Comment	Review of key Policy revision issues; Review of WB hatchery production; Report on 2020 fisheries performance; Briefing on potential interim guidance	Summary Sheet ; Presentation
	FWC	12-Mar TVW	Briefing; Decision	Review of history of Willapa Bay Policy and revisions; Briefing on staff recommendations for interim guidance	Summary Sheet ; Presentation
	FC	20-May Watch	Briefing	Overview of possible Policy revisions	Presentation
	FWC	25-Jun TVW	Briefing; Public Comment ²	Review of Willapa Bay hatchery and fishery backgrounds including data pre- and post-Policy implementation, and possible Policy revisions	Summary Sheet ; Presentation
	FC	16-Sep TVW	Briefing	WB Policy review of successes and challenges; Staff recommendations on Policy revisions	Presentation
	FC	2-Nov TVW	Briefing	Review of Policy revision items identified in Dec. 2020; staff recommendations for Policy revisions	Presentation ; Staff recommended Policy draft ; Table of original Policy language vs. recommended language and justification ³
	FC	2-Dec TVW	Briefing	Review of Commissioner's questions/answers	Presentation ; Handout

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²No public comment participants

³Combined in one PDF in listed order



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2022	FC	13-Jan Watch	Briefing	Continue review of Commissioner's questions on WB Policy revisions	Presentation ; WBP Alts & Analytical Framework v2 ; Alternative 2: Manage for a Combination of Hatchery and Wild Fish ; Fish Program responses to Commission questions associated with the WB Policy
	FC	17-Feb Watch	Briefing; Decision	Review WB Policy revision process and schedule; Staff request for rollover interim guidance	Handout ; Presentation
	FC ²	17-Mar	Briefing	Review WB Policy questions and analytical approach for alternative 2	Willapa Draft Schedule ; Policy alternatives analysis ; Willapa analytic alternatives framework
	FC	1-Apr TVW	Briefing	Committee discussion on Alt 2 and alternatives analysis	Willapa Draft Schedule ; Policy alternatives analysis (staff questions) ; Willapa analytic alternatives framework
	FC	13-May TVW	Briefing	Brief review of spawner-recruit based Chinook spawning escapement goals; Initial staff efforts on comparative analysis assignment; development of alternative 2 Policy language	Presentation ; Fish Committee Policy Discussion Draft ; WBP Alts Brief Summary and Analysis Targets ; C-3622 WB Draft Policy Schedule ; Staff Questions
	FC	10-Jun TVW	Briefing; Public Comment	Fall Chinook natural spawning escapement goal and spawner-recruit analysis; Comparative analysis of alternatives; Policy language questions; Public Comment	Current Goal Source Document ; Spawner-Recruit Analysis ; Alternatives Summary and Analysis Targets ; Presentation ; Alternative 1 ; Alternative 2 ; Alternative 3 ³ ; Response to Questions ; Schedule and Process
	FC	23-Jun TVW	Briefing	Comparative analysis of alternatives	Presentation
	FC	4-Aug TVW	Briefing	Continuing discussions of WB Policy alternatives; Comparative analysis of alternatives	Presentation ; Policy-staff comments

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²Agenda went overtime: WB postponed by Fish Committee

³See page 21



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2022	FC	22-Sept Watch	Briefing	Continue review of Alternatives analysis for policy revisions	Presentation
	FWC	24-Sept Watch	Briefing; Public Comment	Overview of the revision process since December 2020, a briefing on the three alternatives, and list of policy questions for public input	Summary Sheet ; Presentation ; Revised Alternative 2 ; Model Description Comparison
	FC	15-Dec	Briefing	Review of WB Policy revision process for new commissioners	
2023	FC	26-Jan Watch	Briefing	Briefing on Alternative 4	Presentation ; Alternative 4 draft
	FC	23-May Watch	Briefing; Motion	Draft Willapa Bay language, questions solicited from the Committee, and presentation of proposed next steps. Motion to move to full FWC approval for public comment.	Presentation ; Draft Policy
	FWC	22-June Watch	Motion	Commission votes to put final draft Willapa Bay Policy language out for formal public comment period	
	NA	5-July to 7-Aug	Public comment	Formal public comment period for final draft Willapa Bay Policy	WDFW website for public comment
	FC	10-Aug Watch	Briefing	Briefing on public comment received on the final draft Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy, limited public comment	Commission policy development page ; Summary Sheet ; Final Draft Policy ; Presentation
	FWC	12-Aug Watch	Briefing; Public Comment	Briefing on public comment received on the final draft Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy, in-person public comment	Commission policy development page ; Summary Sheet ; Final Draft Policy ; Presentation

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Proposed Motion Language

“I move to adopt the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as presented by staff.”

