

AGENDA



Puget Sound Salmon Fishing Virtual Town Hall

Jan. 30, 2024
Virtual

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Meeting called by

Mark Yuasa and Samantha Montgomery

Attendees:

Kelly Susewind, Kelly Cunningham, Mark Baltzell, Kyle Adicks, Dr. Simonsen, Dr. Derek Dapp, Dr. Marisa Litz, and other Fish Program Division staff

6:00 – 6:15

Opening remarks

Welcome and Introduction | Mark Baltzell
Heritage of Puget Sound salmon fishing, connections to nature and waters close to populated areas, healthy foods, and regional quality of life. Need to balance fishing opportunities with conservation and co-management requirements. Contributions to economics of small communities | Director Kelly Susewind
Overview of salmon season setting process | Director of Fish Program Kelly Cunningham

6:15 – 6:35

Salmon topics

Ocean Condition Dashboard | Dr. Marisa Litz
Update on Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan | Kyle Adicks
FRAM Overview, Abundance based management objectives, and preseason fishery planning | Dr. Derek Dapp

6:35 – 6:50

2023 salmon fishing season re-cap

Marine Area 9 (Admiralty Inlet); Marine Area 10 (Seattle/Bremerton Area); Marine Area 11 (Tacoma-Vashon Island); Marine Area 7 (San Juan Islands) | Dr. Kirsten Simonsen

Providing balanced seasonal coho recreational fishing opportunities with limited available Chinook fishing opportunities | Dr. Kirsten Simonsen

6:50 – 7:10

2024 salmon fishing season outlook

Opportunities/Discussion | Dr. Kirsten Simonsen and Mark Baltzell

Choices/Priorities for Fishing Time/Places | Dr. Kirsten Simonsen and Mark Baltzell

LOAF “List of Agreed Fisheries” and In-Season Management | Mark Baltzell and Dr. Kirsten Simonsen

7:10 – 7:20

Stillaguamish River topic

What is the status of the Stillaguamish payback provision | Kyle Adicks

7:20 – 7:30

Future

Mobility of anglers; lots of opportunities; and fisheries management challenges of forecasting ‘fleet’ effort | Dr. Kirsten Simonsen and Mark Baltzell

7:30 – 8:00

Public input

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