

# Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy Revisions Public Comments Summary September 27, 2024

Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
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# Outline of Presentation

- Overview of revision process and materials
- Description and summary of public comment period
- Co-manager input
- Proposed revision timeline



# Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy Revision Process and Materials

June 14: Special Fish Committee Briefing  
[Meeting Materials](#)

August 8-10: Fish Committee and FWC meeting  
[Meeting Materials](#)

September 4: Town Hall Meeting  
[Meeting Link](#)



# Town Hall Comments

- **September 4, 2024, 6-7:30pm**
- **Town hall can be viewed on WDFW's YouTube page:**  
[Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy virtual public meeting](#)
- **“Support” for policy**
  - Likes revisions & timeliness
  - Language is clear and reads well
- **General comments**
  - How will new escapement goals be created?
- **Unrelated to policy**
  - Invasive species



# Public Portal Comments

- **Comment period: August 13 – September 15, 2024**
- **Policy posted and comments submitted at:**  
[Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)
- **“Support” for policy**
  - Provides opportunity for all user groups
- **“Opposed” to policy**
  - Not enough freshwater recreational priority
  - Should have goal of 3 net free days
- **General comments**
  - Increase/lower escapement goals
- **Unrelated to policy**
  - Opposed to commercial fishing
  - Raising daily limits
  - Fishing closures
  - Pinniped predation
  - Hatchery production



# Co-manager Input

## **Proposed new addition to the Guidance section:**

Guidance #3: WDFW staff shall work with the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation in management of the state share of harvestable salmon.





# **Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy: Proposed Revision Timeline**

# Proposed Revision Timeline

<b>June 14</b>	Special Fish Committee	Briefing <a href="#">Link to materials</a>	Provide an overview of expired policy. Review policy performance. Staff recommendations for possible revisions. Outcome: Staff directed to develop mark-up strike-through reflecting staff recommendations.
<b>July</b>			Staff meetings with co-managers. Outcome: Letters sent to Tribes, working to schedule meetings.
<b>August 8-10</b>	Fish Committee; Fish and Wildlife Commission	Briefing <a href="#">Link to materials</a>	Brief Commission on Draft Policy revisions. Outcome: Begin public comment process
<b>August 13 – September 15</b>	Public Comment on WDFW website portal	<a href="#">Link to public comment portal</a>	Collect written input on draft policy revisions and analyses.
<b>September 4</b>	Public meeting	<a href="#">Link to meeting</a>	Conduct public meeting to describe and collect input on draft policy revisions and analyses.
<b>September 26-28</b>	Fish Committee; Fish and Wildlife Commission	Briefing; Public input	Briefing on public comment; Commission discussion
<b>October 24-26</b>	Fish and Wildlife Commission	Decision	Commission final decision





# Questions & Discussion

