

Emerging Commercial Fisheries Advisory Panel

November 13, 2019

2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region 5 Office, Conference Room 116

5525 S. 11th Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

Purpose: Develop a timeframe and work plan to review and make recommendations to the Director on rules related to the number and qualifications for participants in a limited entry commercial fishery in the lower Columbia River for alternative gear types, specifically purse seine, beach seine, and pound net trap. Provide an opportunity for commercial fishing industry to interact with staff on research, development, and implementation of alternative gear.

Agenda

- 2:30 – 2:45 Agenda review, ground rules, introductions (Kessina Lee, Bill Tweit)
- 2:45 – 3:15 Review of process for legalizing gear (Bill)
- 3:15 – 4:15 Discuss approach to Panel process (Kessina)
- Meeting structure
 - Questions to be answered
- 4:15 – 4:45 Create draft timeline (All)
- 4:45 – 5:00 Wrap-up and next steps (Kessina and Bill)

Supporting documents:

Comprehensive Policy Review, alternative gear section

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02029>

State laws (RCW) and agency rules (WAC) regarding use of alternative gears in the lower Columbia

Summary of 2019 pound net results