

2020 Willapa Bay North of Falcon Advisory Group Discussion

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Zoom webinar 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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Advisors: Andy Mitby (phone), Mara Zimmerman, Francis Estalilla, Greg McMillan, Lance Gray, Marlisa Dugan, Ross Barkhurst (phone), Tim Hamilton, Bob Lake (phone)

Public: 2 Individuals

Chad Herring:

- Thanked Zoom staff for facilitating meeting
- Opening statements
- PFMC Ocean fisheries
 - Non-treaty (NT) 54,000 Chinook, 28,500 coho
 - NT Area 2 will open June 20
 - Treaty 35,000 Chinook, 16,500 coho

Barbara McClellan: Walk through fishery package that will be filed in the CR-102. Documents were posted online and sent via email to advisors.

Advisor Comments:

- What is the release percentage, encounter data, for the release of unmarked coho?
- Too much deception by the agency
- The unruly fishery in the Naselle is over exaggerated. Is there a significant issue with enforcement on this section? No there is not.
- You've wiped out the fishery in the Nemah and Naselle just to move them to the commercial fishery.
- The commercial fishery is not a viable fishery. Will PDR a list of staff who made the decision on this fishery. I won't PDR this request if you send it to me.
- Would like to see spawner survey data for 2019 coho.
- How the ocean determines release of wild coho seems crazy.
- Made a request to have no salmon fishing in South or Middle Nemah River. Doesn't make sense to have fishing in the South Fork Nemah.
- If staff feels they have maximized fishing time, then just move along with this package
- Found the discussion regarding model inputs to be a good discussion and look forward to that
- The CR-102 changes would require a CR-102 supplemental.
- The season was preconceived from the start. It ignored the policy and comments.
- To get commercial fishing out front, you had to limit opportunity in the Naselle River.
- This is not conservation and it's inappropriate.
- Oppose this model and fishery package especially without a buffer
- Wants to know who made this decision?
- Page 27 in the PFMC documents show the rates for drop-off and release mortality for the ocean
- Thought the rules for the advisory group was to advise the agency

- This fishery is not good for the commercial sector
- Think that it was a good idea to close the section in the Naselle to help broodstock eggtake and the orcas. You listened to property owners along the river.
- Advisors provide comment and aren't here to manage the fishery. If the group can't work together, feel that we should disband this advisory group. Its unproductive.
- Hate the way we have used the policy. The policy ruins the fishery for everyone.
- Requested a conservation buffer but didn't get one
- There is room for improvement for coho. The policy has a chance to work if we can fix it.
- If we get rain, hope the agency is open to in-season management with the possibility to additional fishing time in both the commercial and recreational
- Its overdue that we manage for conservation. We need agency representation in the ocean discussions for terminal fisheries.
- Oppose closing any recreational opportunity
- Oppose the Nemah closing Oct 1.
- Cannot have a WAC without a stakeholder process

Public Comment:

- Lyle Cabe
 - Oppose closing the recreational opportunity in the Naselle

