2020 GRAYS HARBOR ADVISORY MEETING APRIL 5, 2020

WEBEX VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1 - 2:22 pm

(No sign-in sheet)

WDFW Staff: Chad Herring, Mike Scharpf, Kim Figlar-Barnes, and James Losee

Advisors: Norman Reinhardt, Dave Hamilton, Cary Hofmann, Francis Estalilla, Andy Mitby, Bob Lake, Allan Hollingsworth, and Matt Nixon (not present Mara Zimmerman)

Public: 4

General Discussion:

Chad

Ocean Option PFMC proposal

NT Chinook 55,000 TAC Middle between high and low PFMC 2

NT Coho 35,000 TAC high option PFMC 1

PFMC 2 council is taking comments for this week go to webpage

GH modeled middle option

Spring Chinook – 1,236 forecast is below escapement of 1,400

Tribal Co-mangers will not be fishing this spring/summer

Rec. no directed fishery for spring Chinook

WDFW will have conversation with Chehalis Tribe about their fishery options

Discussions will continue in regard to game fisheries

Grays Harbor Proposed Fisheries Review:

Chad

Model B with QIN proposal schedules

Overview of recreational and commercial fisheries

Review of QIN proposed schedule Chehalis

Conflict with NT commercial in WK 43

Review of QIN proposed schedule Humptulips

Some room on NT commercial 2C side

QIN and PFMC look at Chinook management as an aggregate, not separated as in model

Coho shares for exploitation summary of model; WDFW fisheries higher may have to adjust Chinook shares for exploitation summary of model; treaty numbers are higher

Model B w/QIN Proposal Discussion – Ideas/Concerns from Advisors:

Recreational Fisheries

FW season Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, two fish bag only one wild Coho, release all Chinook. Not much can be done to adjust recreational or NT commercial to make numbers with difference between treaty harvest and NT harvest fisheries

Chinook wild escapements will stay in the red if rec. fish goes to 5% impact rate

Chinook GH boxes in the red due to ocean fisheries

Will dept. represent GH constituents at PFMC 2?

Ocean should take the reduction (55% GH chinook gone before crossing bar)

Remove December fishery

One fish sport limit

Rec. and NT Comm. need to share reductions equally

Commercial Fisheries

2B fishery model – 20% decrease in harvest

November is waste of time to fish

Chehalis: possibility for wk 41 & 42 put in one day (start at noon)

If COVID-19 continues into fall, will rec. shares go over to comm. and has it been modeled?

Public Comments/Suggestions:

2 fish bag, reduce to one fish Nov-Dec