

2015 GH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Montesano High School 6 pm – 9:00 pm

WDFW Staff: Steve Thiesfeld, Mike Scharpf, Barbara McClellan

Advisory Group Members:

Notes taken after noticing the recorder had stopped recording.

- Discussion as to whether there is an increase in encounters by adding a 2-pole endorsement. Some do not believe there will be an increase in the encounter rates.
 - 2 pole endorsement should be allowed on the Chehalis River.
 - 101 bridge to S. Elma Road from 7/1 to 11/30.
- The Policy became law when it was adopted. Department can't interpret the Policy.
 - There is a faith problem with the Department.
 - Would like a written opinion of what the Dept's interpretation of the Policy is – very difficult to change a Policy.
 - When Dept says, "going to Commission for interpretation"-it is changing law; you can't do that-wants to see Dept's interpretation.
 - Commenter expresses disagreement with how the Dept is interpreting the policy in regards to commercial fishing in areas 2A, 2D and 2B and the 5% cap on NOR chinook impacts.
- There was concern with the allocation (Hump/Cheh) Chinook distribution using the old CWT analysis.
 - Concern the CWT data is out of date.
- There is resentment in "tweaking" numbers in the model to maximize harvest.
- Do not schedule fisheries to fish down to the last available fish, fisheries should be scheduled to meet escapement goals.
- Steve should eat it and smile and move on.
- Interest in increasing the Humptulips North Bay Fishery to a 4 week fishery as opposed to a 2 week fishery like in 2014.
- Commercial fisheries scheduled for the 2C commercial catch area should not be run concurrent with commercial fisheries in 2A/2D.
- Commercial proposal to fish similar commercial schedule as in 2014 with some small changes
 - Move days in weeks 43 and 44 in 2A/2D one week earlier, to weeks 42 and 43
 - Eliminate days in week 44 in area 2C
- Recreational fisheries should be extended to 1/31 in the following areas
 - Chehalis – 101 bridge to fuller
 - Satsop
 - Wynoochee
 - Wishkah