

Willapa Bay Salmon Advisory Group

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Chad: Opening statements

- Walked through the upcoming Commission Presentation for Nov. 2, 2018 in Vancouver
- Overview of main slides from the Commission Presentation of the 2015 Fishery Review on Feb. 27, 2016
- All other previous presentations from 2016 – 2017 that were provided tonight are in the same format of the 2015 Fishery Review

Comments from Advisors:

- In subsequent presentations, update the data to final post fishery review from the previous year and include it so that FWC knows where the data actually ended up relative to the previous year's presentation, which is usually preliminary.
- Need to assist FWC of the budget issues then show how those issues affect the constraints of implementing the policy in order to address holes in the data to provide solutions.
- FWC presentations seem difficult to understand given the amount of data included. Only some things are truly important to present. Charts/graphs seem easier to provide data. Simplify and consolidate data by including multiple data on the same graph.
- Better answer for upward trajectory of returns or lack there of
- Show the FWC where we actually are with natural-origin Chinook escapement in graph form for 16 – 21 years relative to goal. Start with 2010 data.
- Address genetic profile of WB stocks and what did the analysis show
- Show data regarding the benefit of naturalizing stocks or domestication of species adapting to any specific environment. More resilient to a variety of changes.
- The policy directs the agency to complete specific tasks by specific dates but some of those tasks have not been accomplished. Address holes in the data due to budgets constraints. State to the FWC what the constraints are for those tasks and why the agency has not completed those. These tasks are in the Adaptive Management section of the policy.
- Because of habitat restoration, review spawner escapement goals every so many years, i.e. every 10 years. Are there any positive changes?
- Highlight to the FWC the issue of low flows and higher temperatures and how these events will likely prohibit future hatchery egg take especially for Chinook
- Update previous review of our hatcheries. Highlight the degraded conditions at the WB hatcheries and why they are not operating as efficiently as possible.