Willapa Bay Salmon Policy Review Advisory Workshop
November 17, 2018 (Saturday)
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Region 6 office Montesano, WA

Staff: Chad Herring, Barbara McClellan, Lyle Jennings, Chris Mattoon, Kirt Hughes

Public: 5 Individuals

Chad: Opening statements

Randy Aho Presentation: Hatchery Production
- In 2008, established primary designation for Chinook: Naselle River
- In 2008, established primary designation for Coho: Willapa River and North River
- 2009 first year release with the new designation goals

Public Comments/Suggestions:
- Provide more historical data on hatchery releases
- Remove a considerable amount of silt from below the Nemah weir to provide enough water and space for fall Chinook – do a better job at providing a suitable environment
- Provide a better structure at Nemah weir
- Provide some kind of cooling system to the pond at Nemah
- Maintenance of the intake valve at Nemah
- Need to address river habitat situations to create deeper holes
- Ideas to help Nemah facility – tarp, ping pong balls, reflective cover

Lyle Jennings Presentation: Stock Assessment
Public Comments/Suggestions:
- Otolith marking and recovery to help with Coho NOS/HOS breakdown

Barbara McClellan Presentation: Marine Recreational Fishery and Commercial Fishery
Public Comments/Suggestions:
- Commercial be allowed to keep CWT hatchery Chinook when observers are onboard

Chad:
Review of F&W Commission presentation in Vancouver on Nov.
- Will now be briefing with the Fish Committee for Dec and Jan instead of the full Commission
- No public comment at Fish Committee briefings
- For the final review, the agency has been tasked with providing 3-5 options to the Fish & Wildlife Commission for what to do regarding the WB Policy moving forward
- Hope to have those options refined with the advisory group by January

Public Comments/Suggestions:
- How much was lost in # fish or ex-vessel value from the commercial fishery prior to the policy in 2015 and after?

Chad: Quickly went through handouts for next meeting

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Public Comment:

Diana Bone:
- Control Zone - Why isn't the ocean fishery taking some of those impacts?
- Genetics data

Dave Hamilton:
- Focusing on the wrong thing
- Assumption of the policy is that you can't stop the straying on the Naselle River
- There is no rationale for Willapa River having the primary designation

Ross Barkhurst
- Need to produce an upward trajectory