

Summary

Meeting dates: August 3, 2013

Agenda item #14: Status of Washington State Sockeye Salmon (Briefing)

Presenter(s): Aaron Dufault, Pink Chum Sockeye Salmon Specialist (Fish Program)

Background summary:

This agenda item is in response to the Commissioners request to provide a briefing on the status of Washington state sockeye salmon. The commissioners requested the following items be addressed: status and trends of Washington sockeye stocks, discussion of the environmental variables controlling abundance and survival, and obstacles for recovery. After a meeting with several commission members on the focus of the presentation, the briefing will include the following:

1. Brief introduction into sockeye salmon biology: life history, distribution, survival
 2. Compare/Contrast the major Washington sockeye stocks (Fraser river included) with a focus on the stocks which support fishing opportunities. Key issues to address for each stock include: population trends, supplementation, management history, and fishing opportunity.
 3. How to improve Washington sockeye salmon stocks, focusing on supplementation and habitat/water quality improvements in Washington state.
 4. How to improve fishing opportunity on Washington sockeye stocks
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Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A
