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## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** March 14, 2014 Commission Conference Call

**Agenda item #:** 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan

**Staff Contact:** Chris Donley, Inland Fish Program Manager or Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager

**Presenter(s):** Chris Donley, Inland Fish Program Manager

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### **Background:**

In 1999 the Legislature gave the Department the authority to purchase triploid rainbow trout from private growers to supplement existing departmental hatchery trout production (RCW 77.18.050 Planting privately produced trout). This popular program has continued every year since.

RCW 77.18.060 Determination of appropriate waters states:

“The fish and wildlife commission in consultation with the department is authorized to determine which waters of the state are appropriate for this use. In making this determination, the commission shall seek geographic distribution to assure opportunity to fishers statewide...”

Attached is the 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan with the proposed lakes to be stocked this spring (Tables 2 and 3). The lakes in the stocking plan are the result of WDFW area and district fish biologists working with the public and advisors over the past 14 years to provide diverse fishing opportunities and geographic balance that complements the mix of fry plants, catchable, and jumbo trout produced by WDFW hatcheries. The proposed list of lakes in the 2014 stocking plan (Table 2) is similar to the list of lakes stocked in 2013 with minor changes in regions 2, 4 and 6 to address local fish management goals. In addition to the allotment of 42,000 fish, we will have available, an additional 10,000 fish in early June that will be used for a Father’s Day promotion (Table 3). We wish to put these fish into lakes that have good shore and boat access, are close to population centers and can expect a good return rate to the creel.

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### **Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:**

Approval of 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan.

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### **Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

The 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan is the result of staff working with constituents and advisors over the past 14 years. This list has been refined based on this input and additional biological information regarding performance of these fish in specific waters.

The Father’s Day promotion stocking list (Table 3) was developed in 2013 based on consultation with the Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group (IFPAG). The same list developed by IFPAG in 2013 will be used for the 2104 list of lakes receiving fish for the Father’s Day promotion. The list of lakes from 2013 was well received by the public, consistency in stocking allows the Department to better promote the Father’s Day event.

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A post-decision communication plan to inform the public of the 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan will include posting the final stocking plan on the Agency web page and other forms of social media. Traditional media outlets will also be provided the stocking information for release to their users.

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**Action requested:**

Approval of the proposed 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan.

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**Draft motion language:**

Recommend adoption of the 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan as presented (Table 2 and 3).

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**Justification for Commission action:**

Approval of the proposed 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan will continue the popular program of enhancing recreational opportunities for larger trout in lowland lakes.

**Table 1.** Year, purchase budget, number of fish purchased, number of lakes stocked, and price per fish for the triploid trout program 2000-2013 and the proposed 2014 purchase. The budget column figures are for purchase price only and do not include sales tax, administrative and trucking costs.

Year	Budget	Number of Fish	Number of Lakes	Price per Fish
2000	\$90,320	45,008	43	\$2.01
2001	\$175,160	84,001	74	\$2.09
2003	\$117,660	51,522	73	\$2.28
2004	\$114,420	49,268	78	\$2.32
2005	\$124,000	51,311	80	\$2.42
2006	\$151,800	61,968	91	\$2.45
2007	\$190,000	60,703	95	\$2.63
2008	\$395,000	115,019	104	\$2.75
2009	\$125,000	42,196	95	\$2.92
2010	\$125,000	42,196	94	\$2.92
2011	\$147,000	50,000	96	\$2.75
2012	\$166,998	51,384	109	\$3.25
2013	\$163,800	52,000	108	\$3.15
2014	\$164,840	52,000	105	\$3.17

**Table 2. 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan**

Region	Lakes	County	Surface Acres	Current Manage.	Season &	April Total	May Total	2014 Total	2013 Total	Regional Percentage
					Special Regs					
<b>Region 1</b>										
1	Sprague Lake	Adams/Lincoln	1,860	Mixed	Y-R	800	0	800	0	19.3%
	Fishtrap Lake	Lincoln	196	Trout	O. D.	900	0	900	900	
	Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	754	Mixed	O. D.	1,092	0	1,092	1,100	
	Fish Lake	Spokane	47	Trout	O.D.	0	0	0	500	
	Badger Lake	Spokane	244	Trout	O. D.	0	0	0	0	
	Clear Lake	Spokane	401	Mixed	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000	1,292	
	West Medical Lake	Spokane	235	Trout	O. D.	900	0	900	900	
	Williams Lake	Spokane	319	Trout	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
	Deer Lake	Stevens	1,163	Mixed	O. D.	1,000	0	1,000	1,200	
	Loon Lake	Stevens	1,119	Mixed	O. D.	900	0	900	700	
	Bennington Lake	Walla Walla	52	Trout	Y-R	500	0	500	500	
<b>R1 Total</b>						<b>8,092</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>8,092</b>	
<b>Region 2</b>										
2	Roses Lake	Chelan	131	Trout	Y-R	400	0	400	400	11.6%
	Beehive Lake	Chelan	60	Trout	O. D.	173	0	173	173	
	Wapato Lake	Chelan	186	Trout	O. D.	500	0	500	500	
	Jameson Lake	Douglas	388	Trout	O. D.	600	0	600	600	
	Deep Lake	Grant	107	Trout	O. D.	300	0	300	300	
	Heart Lake	Grant	26	Trout	Y-R	0	163	163	0	
	Windmill Lake	Grant	37	Trout	Y-R	0	200	200	263	
	Caliche (upper)	Grant	13	Trout	1-Mar	0	150	150	150	
	Canal Lake	Grant	92	Trout	Y-R	0	200	200	270	
	Martha	Grant	13	Trout	1-Mar	0	150	150	150	

	Perch Lake	Grant	15	Trout	O.D.	150	0	150	150	
	Vic Meyers	Grant	12	Trout	O.D.	150	0	150	150	
	Conconully Lake	Okanogan	313	Trout	O.D.	357	0	357	357	
	Conconully Reservoir	Okanogan	450	Trout	O.D.	357	0	357	357	
	Pearrygin Lake	Okanogan	192	Trout	O.D.	357	0	357	357	
	Alta Lake	Okanogan	187	Trout	O.D.	357	0	357	357	
	Wannacut Lake	Okanogan	412	Trout	O.D.	357	0	357	357	

**R2**

**Total 17 Lakes 4,058 863 4,891 4,891**

**Region**

<b>3</b>	Columbia Park Pond	Benton	7	Mixed	Y-R, YF	150	0	150	150	14.1%
	Dalton Lake	Franklin	60	Mixed	Y-R	300	0	300	300	
	Powerline Lake	Franklin	50	Mixed	Y-R	420	0	420	420	
	N. Fio Rito Lake	Kittitas	39	Mixed	Y-R	740	0	740	740	
	Lost Lake	Kittitas	145	Trout	Y-R, 1>14"	0	514	514	514	
	Copper Lake	Kittitas	120	Trout	Y-R	0	500	500	500	
	Mattoon Lake	Kittitas	27	Mixed	Y-R	491	0	491	491	
	Clear Lake	Yakima	265	Trout	Y-R	1333	0	1,333	1,333	
	Dog Lake	Yakima	60	Trout	Y-R; 1>14"	0	427	427	427	
	Leech Lake	Yakima	40	Trout	Y-R, F, 1>14"	0	725	725	725	
	Mud Lake	Yakima	4	Trout	Y-R, S-1	88	0	88	88	
	Myron Lake	Yakima	13	Mixed	Y-R, S-1	206	0	206	206	
	Tim's Pond *	Yakima	1	Trout	Y-R	25	0	25	25	

**R3**

**Total 13 Lakes 3,753 2,166 5,919 5,919**

**Eastside Totals 15,903 3,029 18,902 18,902 45.0%**

**Region**

<b>4</b>	Deer Lake	Island	82	Trout	OD	204	0	204	204	28.6%
	Angle Lake	King	102	Mixed	Y-R	294	0	294	294	

Beaver Lake	King	63	Mixed	Y-R	261	0	261	261
Green Lake	King	255	Mixed	Y-R	442	442	884	884
Meridian Lake	King	150	Mixed	Y-R	442	212	654	654
Rattlesnake Lake	King	112	Trout	Y-R S-C&R	0	204	204	204
Sawyer Lake	King	279	Mixed	Y-R	490	212	702	702
Egg Lake	San Juan	7	Trout	Y-R	100	0	100	100
Hummel Lake	San Juan	36	Mixed	Y-R	400	0	400	400
Mountain Lake	San Juan	198	Trout	Y-R	0	463	463	463
Campbell Lake	Skagit	370	Mixed	Y-R	525	296	821	821
Clear Lake	Skagit	223	Mixed	Y-R	718	0	718	718
Heart Lake	Skagit	61	Trout	O.D.	850	0	850	850
Lake Erie	Skagit	111	Trout	O.D.	600	0	600	600
Pass Lake	Skagit	98	Trout	Y-R F-C&R	0	162	162	162
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Vogler Lake	Skagit	4	Trout	C&R	0	58	58	59
Cassidy Lake	Snohomish	125	Mixed	Y-R	458	0	458	458
Flowing Lake	Snohomish	135	Mixed	Y-R	398	0	398	398
Gissburg Ponds	Snohomish	37	Mixed	Y-R	0	409	409	409
Howard Lake	Snohomish	27	Trout	O.D.	500	0	500	500
Martha Lake (Warm Beach)	Snohomish	58	Mixed	Y-R	0	291	291	291
Roesiger Lake	Snohomish	297	Mixed	Y-R	0	517	517	517
Silver Lake (Everett)	Snohomish	102	Mixed	Y-R	409	180	589	589
Tye Lake	Snohomish	40	Trout	Y-R	212	0	212	212
Squalicum Lake	Whatcom	33	Mixed	Y-R, F-2	0	178	178	178
Toad Lake	Whatcom	30	Trout	O.D.	250	0	250	250
Terrell Lake	Whatcom	438	Mixed	Y-R	569	267	836	836

**R4**

**Total 27 lakes 8,122 3,891 12,013 12,014**

**Region**

**5 Battle Ground Lake Clark 30 Trout Y-R; 250 0 250 250 12.2%**

Klinline Pond	Clark	11	Trout	Y-R	246	0	246	246
Horseshoe Lake	Cowlitz	80	Mixed	Y-R	608	0	608	608
Kress Lake	Cowlitz	30	Mixed	Y-R	352	0	352	352
Merill Lake	Cowlitz	344	Trout	Y-R, F-2	224	0	224	224
N. Rowland Lake	Klickitat	40	Trout	O. D.	928	0	928	928
Spearfish Lake	Klickitat	22	Mixed	O.D.	256	0	256	256
Kidney Lake	Skamania	12	Trout	O. D.	224	0	224	224
Wahkiakum Co. Ponds	Wahkiakum	6	Trout	Y-R	86	0	86	86
Carlisle Lake	Lewis	20	Trout	O. D.	315	0	315	315
Fort Borst Park Pond	Lewis	5	Trout	O.D., YF	372	0	372	372
Mineral Lake	Lewis	277	Trout	O.D.	687	0	687	687
S Lewis Co. Park Pond	Lewis	17	Mixed	Y-R	284	0	284	284
Plummer Lake	Lewis	12	Mixed	O.D.	295	0	295	294

**R5**

<b>Total</b>	<b>14 lakes</b>				<b>5,126</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,126</b>	<b>5,125</b>
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**Region**

<b>6</b>	Aberdeen Lake	Grays Harbor	64	Trout	O.D.	120	0	120	120	14.2%
	Failor Lake	Grays Harbor	65	Trout	O.D.	180	0	184	180	
	Sylvia Lake	Grays Harbor	31	Trout	Y-R	115	0	115	115	
	Vance Creek Pond #1	Grays Harbor	10	Mixed	O.D., YF Y-R, S,	36	0	36	36	
	Gibbs Lake	Jefferson	37	Trout	C&R	70	0	70	70	
	Teal Lake*	Jefferson	15	Trout	Y_R,S	30	0	30	30	
	Kitsap Lake	Kitsap	238	Mixed	Y-R	493	0	493	482	
	Mission Lake	Kitsap	88	Trout	O.-D.	190	0	190	190	
	Panther Lake	Kitsap	100	Trout	O.D.	220	0	220	220	
	Benson Lake	Mason	82	Trout	O.D.	170	0	170	170	
	Haven Lake	Mason	69	Trout	O.D.	150	0	150	150	
	Island Lake	Mason	108	Trout	Y-R	0	230	230	225	
	Phillips Lake	Mason	110	Trout	O.D.	230	0	230	230	
	Trails End	Mason	74	Trout	Y-R	0	160	160	160	

Tiger	Mason	111	Trout	O.-D.	230	0	230	100
Wooten Lake	Mason	70	Trout	O.D.	150	0	150	150
Bradley Lake	Pierce	13	Mixed	Y-R	100	100	200	100
Clear Lake	Pierce	155	Mixed	O.D.	200	0	200	100
Lake Kapowsin	Pierce	512	Mixed	Y-R	0	300	300	200
Ohop Lake	Pierce	236	Mixed	Y-R	1,350	0	1,350	1,330
Rapjohn Lake	Pierce	56	Mixed	O.D.	100	0	100	100
Silver Lake	Pierce	138	Trout	O.D.	250	0	250	100
Spanaway Lake	Pierce	262	Mixed	Y-R	330	0	330	0
Steilacoom Lake	Pierce	313	Mixed	Y-R	0	0	0	0
Tanwax Lake	Pierce	173	Mixed	O.D.	250	0	250	200
Clear Lake	Thurston	173	Mixed	O.D.	0	0	0	200
Lawrence Lake	Thurston	330	Mixed	Y-R	0	0	0	200
Long's Pond	Thurston	10	Mixed	Y-R, YF	0	0	0	200
McIntosh Lake	Thurston	116	Mixed	O.D.	0	0	0	200
Offutt Lake	Thurston	200	Mixed	Y-R	0	200	200	200
Ward Lake	Thurston	68	Mixed	O.D.	0	0	0	200

<b>R6</b>								
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 Lakes</b>				<b>4,964</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>5,958</b>

<b>Westside Totals</b>					<b>18,212</b>	<b>4,881</b>	<b>23,097</b>	<b>23,097</b>	<b>55.0%</b>
<b>Statewide Totals</b>					<b>34,116</b>	<b>7,910</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

O. D. = April 28, 2012

Y-R = Year-round

S = Selective Gear Rules (-limit)

F = Fly Fishing Only (-limit)

FF = Family Fishing

YF = Youth Fishing (and handicapped)

C&R = Catch and Release

1>14" = 5 fish, no more than 1>14"

**Table 3.** Recommendations incorporating Inland Fish Policy Advisory Group input for stocking an additional 10,000 triploid trout as a Father's Day promotional opportunity are as follows:

<b>Lake</b>		<b>Region</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Number of fish</b>
West Medical		1	205	1250
Williams Lake		1	320	400
Diamond Lake		1	755	600
Park Lake		2	345	400
Conconully Res.		2	450	750
Alta Lake		2	187	350
Cooper Lake		3	120	250
Clear Lake		3	265	500
Green Lake		4	255	1500
Gissburg Ponds		4	10	250
Padden Lake		4	152	250
Blackmans Lake		4	140	250
Campbell Lake		4	391	250
Horseshoe Lake		5	80	250
American Lake		6	1125	1500
Hicks Lake		6	160	250
Clear Lake		6	173	250
Vance Creek Pond		6	3	100
Sandy Shore		6	36	150
Mason Lake		6	965	500
<b>Total Lakes</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>Total Fish</b>	<b>10,000</b>