

# North of Falcon Policy

Commission Briefing – February 6, 2015



## Policy C-3608

Expired December 31, 2014

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# Purpose

- Policy Modifications to Date
- Public Process and Comment
- Seek Commission Guidance

# Guidance

Page One – no proposed changes

Page Two – Chinook and Coho Salmon Section  
Second Bullet - New language - Grays Harbor will be managed consistent with the Commission's Grays Harbor Policy (Policy Number C-3621)

Third Bullet – beginning with the second sentence, strike the remaining language and replace it with: Willapa Bay will be managed consistent with the Commission's direction and policies, expected no sooner than April, 2015

# Guidance cont.

Page Two – Monitoring and Sampling

Moved direction regarding compliance to a new section titled “Enforcement and Compliance”

Enforcement strategies will be developed and staffing will be provided to promote compliance with state regulations.

WDFW Enforcement will seek to establish and maintain effective coordination with Tribal enforcement to enhance the sharing of information.

# Guidance cont.

## Page Three – Communications

Add a fourth bullet as follows: The Department will increase transparency by consulting with stakeholders throughout the pre-season planning process and prior to making major decisions with the co-managers.

## Page Three – Other Species

Delete the second sentence that begins with Management of Willapa....

# Paraphrased Public Comments

- Provide a Chinook season on the entire Skagit River.
- Proposed changes clarify process and are in line with previous direction the Commission has set.
- Uncertain how the NOF policy and the Willapa Bay policy reconciliation will occur.
- The policy is outdated - we have seen it for years.

# Policy Process

December 12, 2014 FWC briefing  
received guidance to draft policy

January 2015, FWC briefing on revised draft  
public comment period – ended January 31  
public hearing  
seeking additional guidance

February 2015, FWC briefing on final draft and  
consideration of public comments  
FWC considers adopting revised North of Falcon  
Policy

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Questions ?