

Hood Canal Chum Management Review – (Briefing Public Hearing)

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Summary

Meeting dates: February 26-27, 2016, Commission Meeting

Agenda item: Hood Canal Chum Management Review – Briefing and Public Hearing

Presenter(s): Laurie Peterson, Puget Sound Salmon Manager
Kirt Hughes, Fishery Planning, Modeling, Regulations, and ESA Response

Background summary:

In January 2016, the Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed its' 2015-2016 North of Falcon Policy (C-3608). This policy provides guidance to the Department in defining annual salmon fishing seasons in Washington State that meets conservation and fishery management objectives for non-treaty commercial and recreational fishing opportunity. Following that briefing the Commission requested a briefing on methodology used for evaluation and in-season updating of Hood Canal chum run size for use in commercial fishery management. This briefing will address:

- How the Hood Canal chum run size is evaluated and updated in-season.
 - How and why the in-season update methodology has changed in recent years.
 - How changes in methodology may influence the harvest of chum in WDFW managed commercial fisheries.
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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:

Public comments will be received at the February Commission meeting.

Action requested:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A

Form revised 12/5/12

Commission Request to Department
"Blue Sheet"

Date of Request: 12/12/15

Title of Request: HOOD CANAL CHUM MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Commissioner: KEHOE

Priority Level (put one check in each row):

Importance: High [] Medium [] Low

Urgency: [] High Medium [] Low

Request Due Date: FEBRUARY 2016 COMMISSION MEETING

Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific. HOW DO COMANAGERS EVALUATE AND UPDATE THE HOOD CANAL CHUM RUN SIZE IN-SEASON? HOW HAS THE IN SEASON UPDATE METHODOLOGY CHANGED IN RECENT YEARS? WHAT LED TO THE CHANGE IN METHODOLOGY? HAS THE CHANGE IN METHODOLOGY NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE ABILITY OF WDFW TO PROVIDE TIMELY ACCESS TO NON-TREATY FISHERMEN TO HARVESTABLE CHUM SALMON?
Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other):

PRESENTATION TO COMMISSION WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

For Commission Executive Assistant Use	
Date Assigned: _____ <small>[At Debrief]</small>	Assigned To: _____ <small>[Program]</small>