

Summary

Meeting dates: June 10-11, 2016

Agenda item: Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Briefing

Presenter(s): Dick Wallace, South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group Board Member and Rachel Vasak Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association Executive Director

Background summary:

In 1990, the Washington State Legislature created the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Program to involve local communities, citizen volunteers, and landowners in the state's salmon recovery efforts.

The 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEGs) share the unique role of working within their own communities across the state to recover salmon. Every group is a separate, nonprofit organization led by their own board of directors and supported by their members.

Partial funding for the RFEG program comes from a portion of commercial and recreational fishing license fees, administered by the WDFW. The RFEGs also obtain many individual grants from government and private entities. Individual donations and in-kind contributions from local community members and businesses are also essential to the success of each RFEG.

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:

Briefing only

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

Communications Plan:
