Summary			
Meeting dates:	September 8-9, 2017		
Agenda item:	Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries 2013-2017 Review – Briefing		
Presenter(s):	Bill Tweit, Special Assistant		

Background summary:

In response to a Commission request, staff are providing a briefing on the management of Columbia River recreational fisheries for the five-year period following the adoption of Policy C-3620, with a focus on factors that affect the allocation of spring chinook below and above Bonneville Dam, including the 75/25 allocation from Policy C-3620, and the impacts of the run size buffer and catch sharing. Information on recreational harvest of other species is also provided, to give context to the range of recreational fishing opportunity available throughout the mainstem Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Staff will also brief the Commission on the agency response to several recent letters from local governments in SE Washington about spring chinook recreational fishing opportunities and on the implementation status of the draft harvest framework for non-treaty fisheries in the upper Columbia.

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:

None necessary, briefing only. Commission could consider a request to the Department to update the draft 2007 Upper Columbia Fishery Management Plan.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action: N/A

Communications Plan: N/A

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Commission Request to Department

"Blue Sheet"

Date of Request: May 5, 2017

Title of Request: Columbia River Catch Balancing Methods and Long term plans

Commissioners: Graybill and Wecker

Request Due Date: June or August meeting

Priority Level (put one check in each row):

Importance:	[] High	[X] Medium	[] Low
Urgency:	[] High	[X] Medium	[] Low

Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific.

Staff to provide a briefing on:

1) The approved Recovery Plan for ESA-listed stocks in the Columbia River including the process for adopting and adapting the Plan, the enforceability of the Plan, the implementation schedule, monitoring program to measure progress towards recovery, and most recent assessment of the current status of recovery efforts;

2) Current management approach including catch balancing methods mandated by US v Oregon, in-season management methods for monitoring harvest and adjusting harvest effort for all stocks.

3) Roles of federal, state, tribal, intertribal, and interstate authorities in managing Columbia River hatcheries, hydro, harvest and habitat.

Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other):

Briefing and presentation to the Commission

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