

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: October 27, 2017

Agenda item: Update on Northern Pike Distribution and Control Measures in the Upper Columbia – (Briefing)

Presenter(s) Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager

Background summary:

Northern Pike were discovered in the northeast Washington portion of the Columbia Basin in the early 2000's. They have continued to expand range in Washington and have become an increasing threat to valuable native and non-native fisheries in Northeast Washington. WDFW staff, in cooperation with multiple co-managing tribes, have undertaken suppression efforts to control the spread of Northern Pike. This presentation from WDFW staff will give the Fish and Wildlife Commission an overview on the current distribution of Northern Pike in Washington, monitoring and evaluation efforts and ongoing suppression efforts.

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

The continued downstream spread of Northern Pike into the Columbia basin are having impacts on fisheries and fish communities in rivers and reservoirs upstream of Chief Joseph Dam. If left unaddressed, Northern Pike will move into the anadromous portion of the Columbia River. The biological and economic impacts from establishing Northern Pike in the anadromous zone are likely detrimental to recreational and commercial fisheries as well as ESA recovery of listed salmon and steelhead stocks.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Post decision communications plan:

N/A
