

## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** October 27, 2017

**Agenda item:** 2018-19 Sport Fishing Rule Simplification – (Briefing)

**Presenter(s):** Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fish Program Manager  
Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager  
Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager

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**Background summary:**

The Department will brief the commission on efforts to simplify sportfishing regulations while meeting critical conservation needs and recreational opportunities. The purpose is to reduce complexity and increase understanding of sportfishing regulations.

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

N/a

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

Still in development. Initial estimates will be available in December.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

A public news release and online notice through our website notified people of the opportunity to comment on sportfishing simplification proposals. Department staff provided explanations for proposals. The end date for submitting comments is November 30, 2017. The Department has conducted six regional workshops with the public to discuss the rule simplification process and proposed regulation changes.

- **Spokane:** 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 26, Center Place, 2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane Valley.
- **Ephrata:** 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 27, Grant County Public Works, 124 Enterprise St. SE, Ephrata.
- **Selah:** 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 28, Selah Civic Center, 216 S. First St. Selah.
- **Mill Creek:** 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 3, WDFW Region 4 headquarters, 16018 Mill Creek Blvd., Mill Creek.
- **Ridgefield:** 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 4, WDFW Region 5 Headquarters, 5525 S. 11th St., Ridgefield.
- **Montesano:** 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 5, Montesano City Hall, 112 N. Main St., Montesano.

We learned that specific lake and stream proposals are needed to provide informed feedback. Lively discussions were had on the warmwater, chumming, and bait proposals

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**Action requested:**

No action is requested at this time.

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**Draft motion language:**

n/a

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**Justification for Commission action:**

n/a

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**Post decision communications plan:**

The public (including people that submitted comments) and our advisory groups will be notified about the outcome of the sportfishing process through a press release, our website, and email. Hard copies will be sent to those who request it.