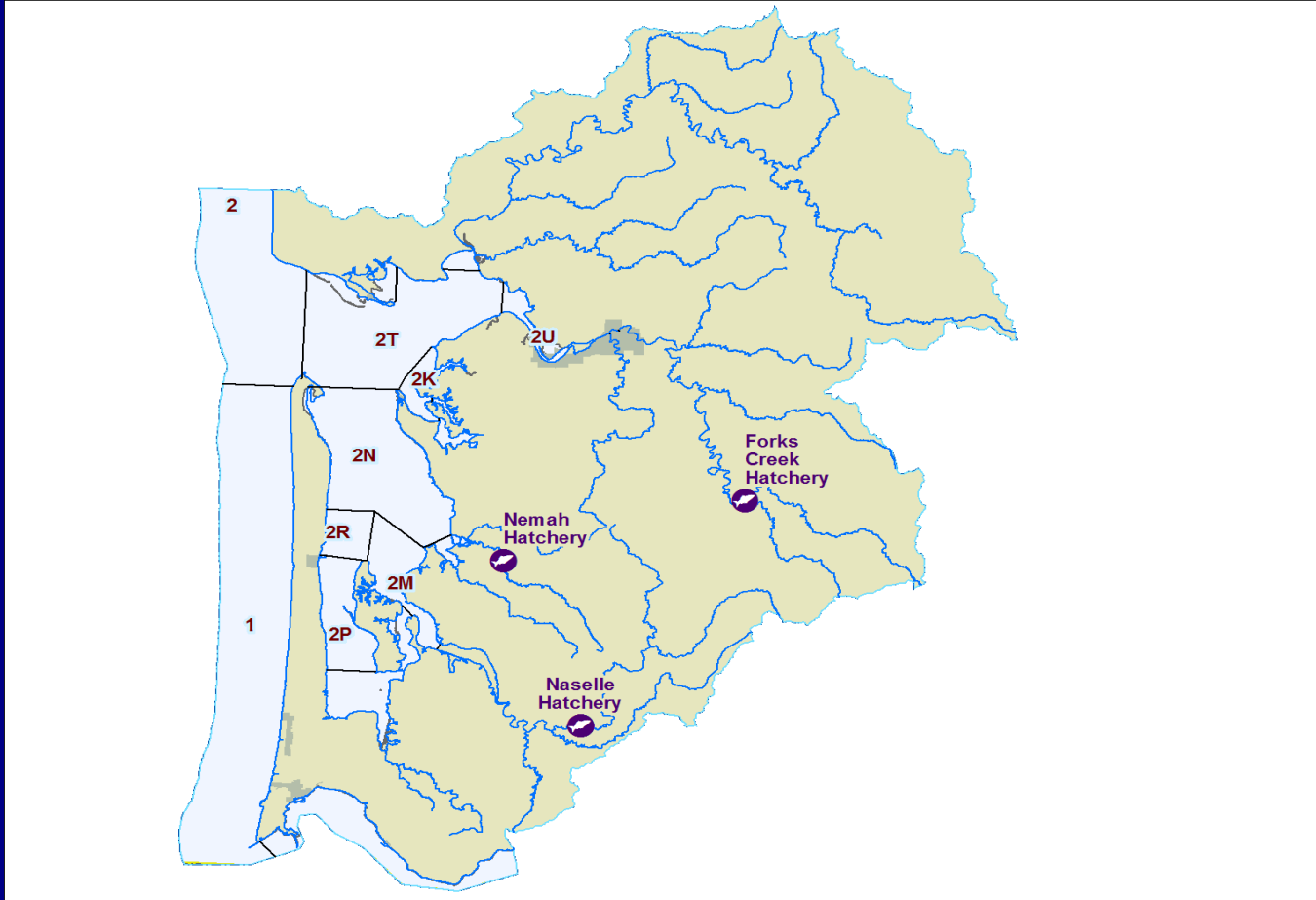


Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622



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Presentation Outline

- Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background
 - Intent and Policy Development
 - Objectives and Guiding Principles
 - Species Specific Guidance
- Proposed Policy Review Process

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Intent
 - Provides general guidance and management objectives for salmon management in Willapa Bay
- Policy development
 - September 2014 through June 2015
 - Ad-Hoc Willapa Bay Advisory Group
 - Commercial and recreational stakeholders

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Policy development (continued)
 - 4 public workshops/meetings
 - 4 advisory group meetings
 - 1 workshop for Pacific County Commissioners
 - 6 presentations to Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC)
- Policy adopted June 2015
- Policy expires in 2023

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Objectives
 - Achieve restoration of wild salmon
 - Avoid ESA designation
 - Maintain or enhance economic well-being
 - Appropriate distribution of fishing opportunities
 - Enhanced transparency, information sharing, and improved technical rigor
 - Restore and maintain public trust and support

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Guiding Principles

#3 - Improve broodstock management, HSRG standards

#4 - Alternative selective gear in commercial fisheries

#7 - Adequately account for species impacts

#8 – Implement in season management

#9 – Transparent salmon management

#10 - Improve fishery management tools

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Chinook Guidance
 - Two-phase rebuilding program
 - Achieve broodstock management standards by 2020
 - Achieve spawner goals in years 16 – 21
 - Full recreational fishing season with increased participation and catch
 - Population designations
 - Willapa-primary, Naselle-contributing
 - Maintain rebuilding trajectory

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Phase One 2015 - 2018
 - 20% impact rate cap for Willapa and Naselle
 - Alternative gear set aside for commercial fishery
 - No commercial fisheries until after Labor Day in south
 - No commercial fisheries prior to 9/16 in north

Phase Two - 2019 forward

- 14% impact rate cap

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Coho Guidance
 - Achieve aggregate spawner goal for natural origin Coho
 - Prioritize commercial fishing opportunities
 - September 16 through October 14
 - Provide recreational fishing opportunities

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Background

- Chum Guidance
 - Achieve aggregate spawner goal for naturally spawning chum
 - Provide commercial fishing opportunities
 - Provide recreational fishing opportunities
 - 10% terminal impact rate cap

Proposed Policy Review Process

- Development of review questions
 - FWC/WDFW
 - Willapa Bay Salmon Advisory Group (WBSAG)
- Workshops to go over data relevant to review questions
- Analysis of data and results presentation to FWC

Proposed Policy Review Process

- Timeline and public involvement

Type	Purpose	Date	Status
Public workshop	Public feedback on policy	Jan 23, 2018	Completed
WBSAG	Proposed process, review public feedback	Sept 14, 2018	Completed
WBSAG - rec	Review questions development	Oct 23, 2018	Completed
WBSAG - comm	Review questions development	Oct 24, 2018	Completed
FWC	Proposed process, commissioner feedback	Nov 2, 2018	Scheduled
WBSAG	Review of relevant data	Nov/Dec 2018	Proposed
FWC	Briefing on progress to date	Dec 2018	Proposed
WBSAG	Development of detailed responses	Jan 2019	Proposed
FWC	Briefing on progress to date	Jan 2019	Proposed
FWC	Presentation and seek approval of final report	Feb 2019	Proposed

Questions