

# Coastal Steelhead: 2021/22 Season Planning

WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commission

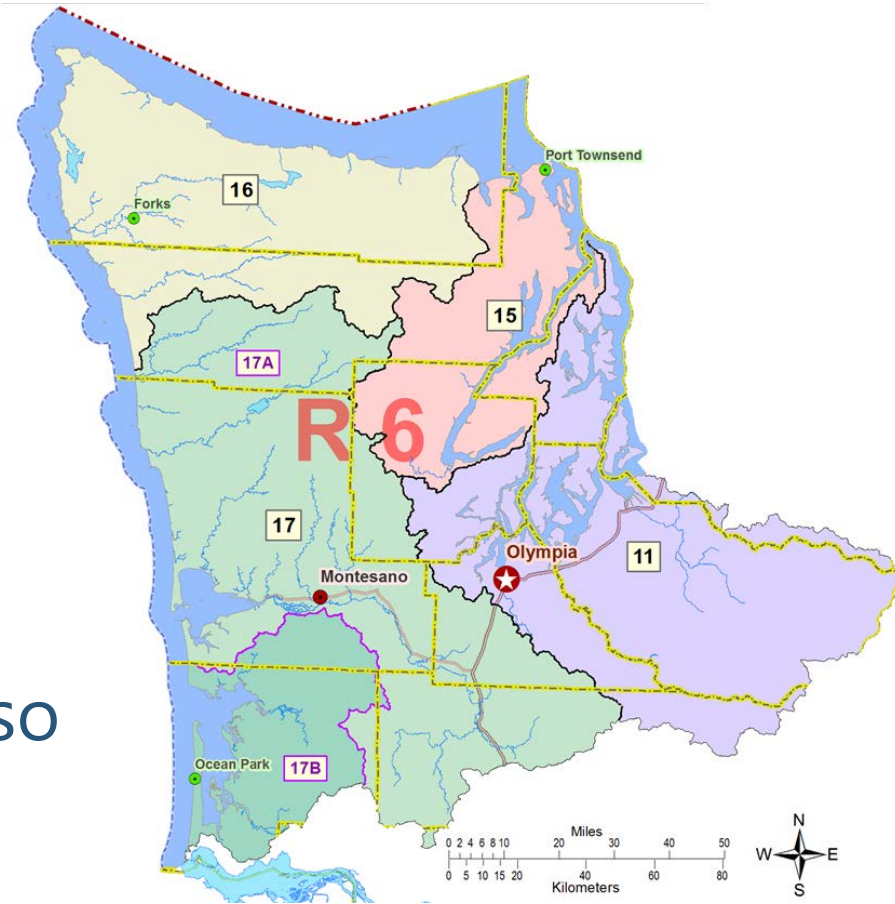
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# Agenda

- Pre-season Schedule
- 2021/22 Fishery Monitoring
- Steelhead Monitoring Proviso



# Pre-season schedule \*

- **Mid July:** Survey data exchange with tribal comanagers
- **July/August Town Hall #1:** Coastal Steelhead Workshop
- **Mid August:** Spawning Escapement Estimates Finalized
- **Early September:** Exchange pre-season forecasts with Tribal Co-Managers
- **Early October:** Pre-season Forecasts Agreement with Tribal Co-Managers
- **Mid October:** Comanager policy meetings to develop Management Plans
- **October Town Hall #2:** Final escapements and preliminary forecasts
- **November Town Hall #3:** Final Pre-season planning
- **Mid November:** Finalize Management Plans with tribal comanagers.
- **November 19:** briefing of Fish and Wildlife Commission
- **Late November Town Hall #4:** Communicate Director's decision on agreed to fishing plans
- **December 1:** Announce winter fishing rules.



**\*See Handout**

# 2021/22 Fishery Monitoring

Fish program prioritizing funds in 2021/22 to support monitoring of coastal steelhead fisheries.

Objective: Increase certainty in estimates of sport harvest and effort (CPUE)

Note: Will not provide total catch estimate for the coastal populations.



# Coastal Steelhead Monitoring Proviso

*“\$300K for the Department to develop steelhead plans for Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and coastal Olympic Peninsula. The plans must protect fisheries, provide fishing opportunities, and include stakeholder input and outreach. The Department must submit the final plans to the legislature by December 2022.”*

- Develop steelhead plans for coastal populations
- Identify monitoring needs for fisheries and populations moving forward
- Develop/publish communication plan for stakeholder input

Note: Currently working on scope and schedule.



# Questions

