

2018 GRAYS HARBOR ADVISORY MEETING  
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MONTESANO CITY HALL, MONTESANO 6-8 pm

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Advisors: Dave Hamilton, Bob Lake, Allan Hollingsworth, Jack Hollingsworth, David Hollingsworth, Francis Estalilla,  
Public: 32 Individuals

**Discussion:**

Reviewed planning model section for the Total Exploitation Summary Tab: Non-treaty allocation (51%) catching more Coho than treaty allocation (49%, Includes all treaty fisheries). With current schedule at 20.7% ER on Coho, asked Canada to share impacts in order to have current fishing package.

**Advisory Questions:**

Chehalis Chinook Escapement

What is Chehalis Escapement for Chinook?

Mike: In current model will make forecasted escapement as aggregate.

Coho Concerns

What happens if Coho run comes in more than expected? No in season management?

Mike: Hope to be able to handle increase if it were to occur. Rates in model are percentage of fish forecasted to return.

One and done for Coho basin wide possible?

Mike: One fish retention still has impacts on Coho overall.

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> end date is hard for guides.

Mike: Optimized model as much could to meet 20% impact. Going to one fish bag does not reduce the impacts to Coho, savings is limited.

Can keep wild Coho jacks?

Mike: Yes

Hoquiam River

Hoquiam River has no hatchery Coho.

Mike: Data shows there are some hatchery fish that dip in and the effort is limited in upper river.

Skookumchuck River

Next year need to discuss impacts on moving opening date on Skookumchuck River.  
Has later date worked?

### Spring Chinook

Is 2 rod for spring chinook?

Mike: Not sure, will check.

### Fisheries Monitoring

How will you monitor fishing (in reference to GH Management Policy)?

Mike: Will try with resources available.

Chad: Monitoring based on CRC data. Requested funding for better monitoring, but have been unsuccessful to this point.

### Commercial Fisheries

Are jacks counted as an adult in commercial fisheries?

Mike: Commercial catch of jacks not counted as an adult equivalent for on-board monitoring or commercial sampling.

2B fishery – Commercial are not being represented for a fishery in 2B.

Mike: 2B not an option for this year. Maximized fishery in model based on limitations. Policy decision based on co-manager concerns with Coho restrictions.

What was the difference in Coho with 2B & 2C?

Mike: Have to look at model for numbers.

Do live boxes need to be used in Chehalis for commercial?

Mike: Yes

### Chehalis Marine Area (Mistake)

Why is Johns River area open for sports fishing?

Mike: East of Johns River area is closed to sport fishery, same as last year. There is a mistake in the hand out document, it will be corrected.

Recommend markers for Johns River should be piling #8 at mouth Johns River.

### **Public Questions:**

#### Wynoochee River

Can only catch jack and chum. It would be nice to be able to have hatchery Coho planted.

Mike: Working on it.

#### Coho Concerns

Any way to have 1 fish limit from Hwy 107 up to Adna on Chehalis, including Humptulips and Satsop Rivers to extend season into December?

Mike: Difficult with Coho constraints to extend into December. Difficult to enforce one and done. Impacts based on past harvest rate numbers from catch record card data.

Larry Phillips: Called and spoke with Ron Warren about a one and done Coho option. Ron Warren said - Can check with co-managers to see if one and done can extend season into December for Chehalis, Satsop, and Humptulips and still meet exploitation rates.

Anyway to break down the Chehalis differently for late Coho?

Mike: Late Coho hatchery runs on decline in the upper system.

Will there be impacts on Coho when folks fish for STHD? What are the impacts if folks decide to catch and release when season is closed?

Mike: It will be an enforcement issue.

Why is the ocean not taking impacts? Ocean mixed stock fishery part of problem, needs to be addressed.

Chad: Lowest ocean quota in 20 years.

#### Chehalis Marine Concerns

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Chehalis marine is closed for everyone.

Mike: Necessary to save Coho impacts.

#### Spring Chinook fishery

During the Spring Chinook fishery cannot keep jacks?

Mike: Correct

#### Chehalis River

Fishing from 107 bridge downstream only keep one adult? Go upstream can keep 2 adults? How will keep tract of fish caught in the two locations?

Mike: Enforcement feels they can enforce the rule.

#### Wishkah River

Wishkah ADA fishery same regulations as rest of river?

Mike: Yes

#### Hatchery Production

State shutting down hatchery production due to funding issues. Need to send comments legislators to increase hatchery production/funding.