Puget Sound Shrimp Policy Review







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Presentation

Objectives

Present final analysis on spot shrimp fishery management options

Review

- Coast wide spot shrimp catch (CA,OR, WA)
- Policy review schedule
- Draft policy language
- Spot shrimp fishery management options and analysis

Average Spot Shrimp Catch for California, Oregon, and Washington Fisheries 2009-2011 (lbs)

CA	OR	WA Coast Com	WA Puget Sound Com	WA Puget Sound Rec	Puget Sound Treaty	Total Catch All Fisheries
316,186	14,128	104,702	98,304	123,197	214,976	871,492

Other West Coast -

- ➤ B.C. 4,500,000
- > Alaska 800,000

Schedule and Process for Updating Policy C-3610 and C-3008

June- July 2012: Commission briefing; advisory groups formed; Fish Committee discussion of potential management options.

August 2012: Commission selection of management options; Fish Committee discussion on modifications to policy language and management options based on input from advisory groups.

September 6, 2012: Commission identified four options for further analysis.

October 6, 2012: Commission briefing and public comment; preliminary analysis of management options and draft policy language.

November 2012: Commission briefing and public comment on final analysis of management options and draft policy language.

December 2012: Commission action on policy revisions.

Major Policy Elements

Proposed Puget Sound Shrimp Policy

- Provides for conservation measures and resource protection
- Manage Puget Sound shrimp fisheries conservatively until fishery impacts to localized populations and stock abundance are better understood.
- Obtain biological and stock assessment information to improve the Department's understanding of the effectiveness of the current harvest management strategy and quotas.
- Defines recreational and commercial allocation for spot and non-spot shrimp fisheries.
- Defines harvest management objectives between state and treaty Indian fisheries consistent with applicable federal court orders.
- Supports a commercial pot license buy-back program and trawl license conversions to a pot license.

Spot Shrimp Fishery Allocation Options

Option 1 status quo:

Provides 50% of the state quota to the recreational fishery

Option 2:

Provides 65% of the state quota to the recreational fishery

Commercial and recreational allocation within Regions 1 and 3 will be adjusted (annually or in-season) by equal percentage points to ensure the Puget Sound general allocation objective of 65%-35% is attained

Recreational advisors recommendation:

Provides 75% of the state quota to the recreational fishery

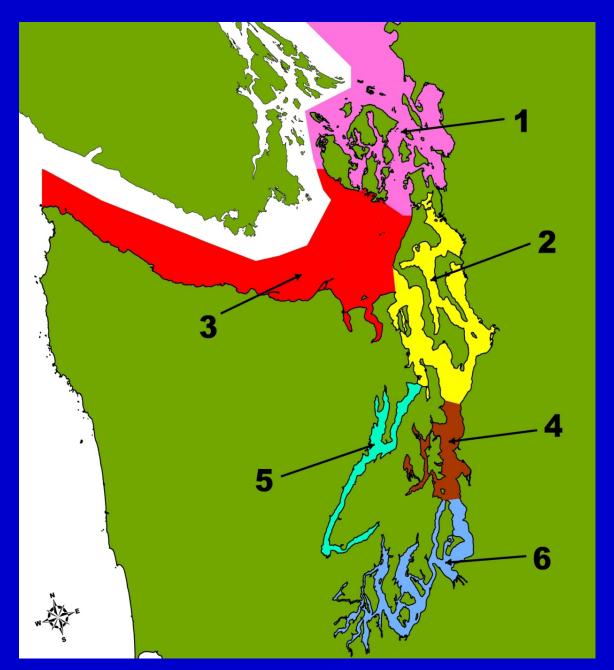
Commercial and recreational allocation within Regions 1 and 3 will be adjusted (annually or in-season) by equal percentage points to ensure the Puget Sound general allocation objective of 75%-25% is attained

Commercial advisors recommendation

Provides 56% of the state quota to the recreational fishery

"Fixed" regional allocation targets for the commercial and recreational fisheries

Six Spot Shrimp Fishery Management Regions



Percentage Allocated to the Recreational Fishery by Management Option

Region	Option 1	Option 2	Recreational Advisors	Commercial Advisors
2	60	100	100	100
3 Disc Bay	100	100	100	100
4	60	100	100	100
5	100	100	100	100
6	40	100	100	100
1	15	65	90	20
3	15	15	30	12
All Regions Combined	50	65	75	56

Projected Recreational Harvest

Data based on 2012 fishery quotas

Region	Option 1 Pounds	Option 2 Pounds	Recreational Advisors Pounds	Commercial Advisors Pounds
1	6,900	29,900	41,400	9,200
2	15,300	25,500	25,500	25,500
3	13,200	13,200	26,400	10,560
3 Disc Bay	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
4	6,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
5	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
6	1,600	4,000	4,000	4,000
Overall Recreational	130,000	169,600	194,300	146,260
Overall Commercial	130,500	90,900	66,200	114,240

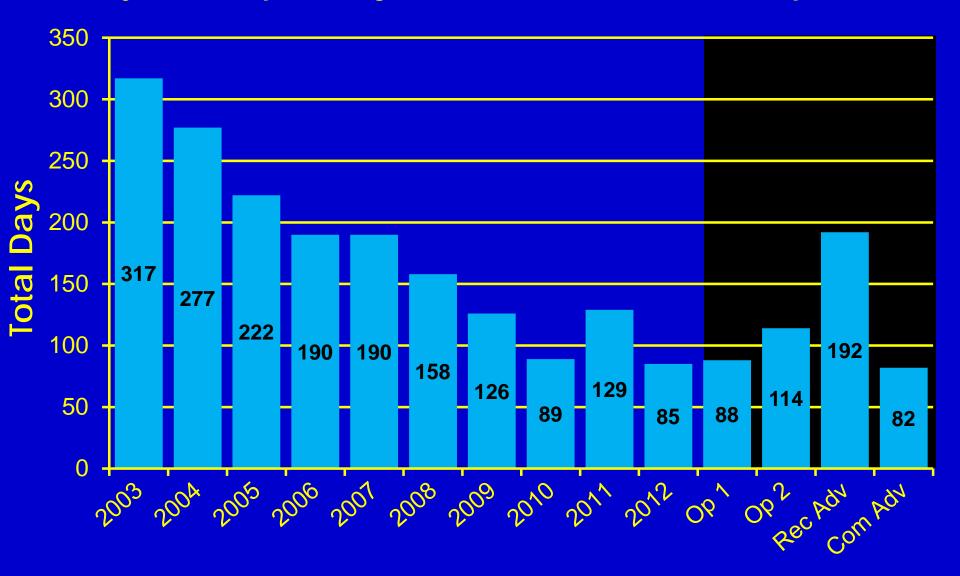
Projected Recreational Harvest Days

Data based on 2012 fishery quotas

Annual variations in the actual number of open days is anticipated

Region	Option 1 50 % Rec	Option 2 65 % Rec	Recreational Advisors 75 % Rec	Commercial Advisors 56 % Rec
1	6	26	36	8
2	2	3	3	3
3	68	68	136	54
3 Disco	4	4	4	4
4	2	4	4	4
5	4	4	4	4
6	2	5	5	5

Total Number of Recreational Open Days for all Regions and Projected Open Days for the Four Allocation Options

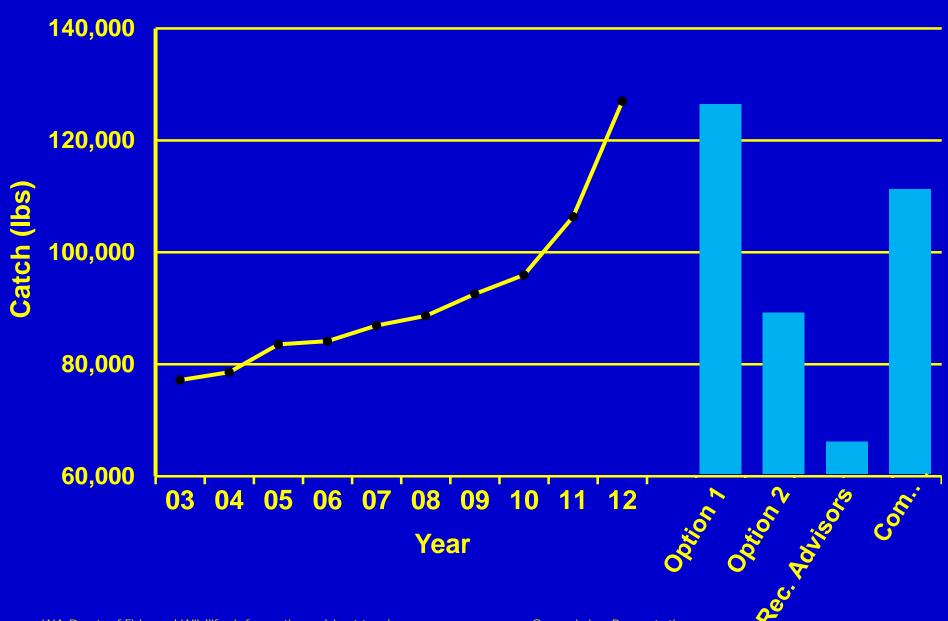


Estimated Number of Spot Shrimp Angler Trips and Value Data based on 2012 fishery

	Estimated angler trips	Estimated net economic value based on \$43 per angler day or trip
Option 1	31,182	\$1,340,826
Option 2	40,705	\$1,750,315
Recreational Advisors		
Recommendation	46,595	\$2,003,585
Commercial		
Advisors		
Recommendation	35,074	\$1,508,182

Net economic value per angler trip taken from: Economic Analysis of the Non-Treaty Commercial and Recreational Fisheries in Washington State (2008)

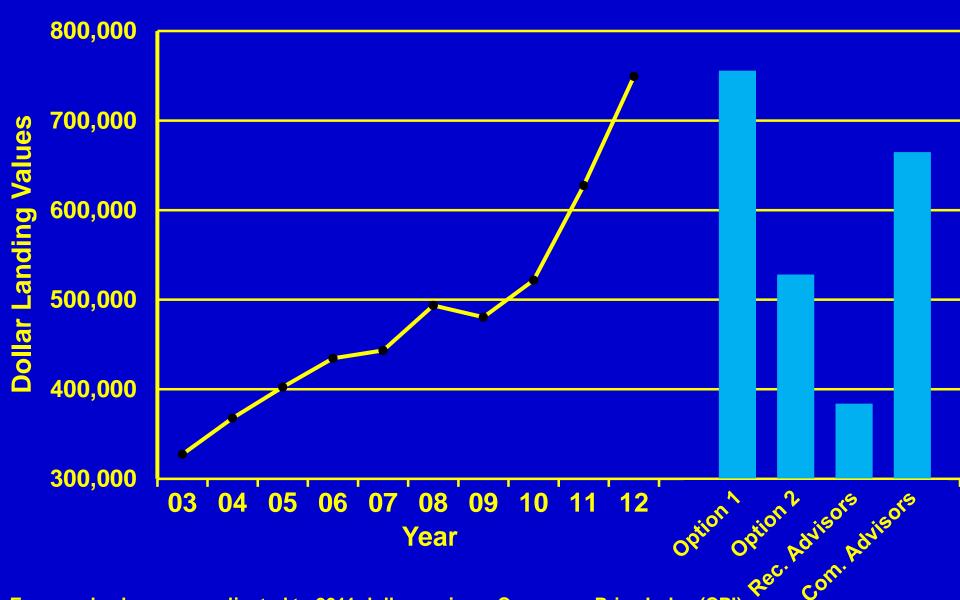
Total Catch for the Puget Sound Commercial Spot Shrimp Fishery (2003-2011) and Projected Catch for Management Options



WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Information subject to changes and amendments over time

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Ex-Vessel Landing Values for the Puget Sound Commercial Shrimp Fishery (2003-2012) and Projected Landing Value for Management Options



Ex-vessel values were adjusted to 2011 dollars using a Consumer Price Index (CPI) conversion maintained by the United States Department of Labor Statistic

Next Steps

December 2012 : Commission action on policy revisions.

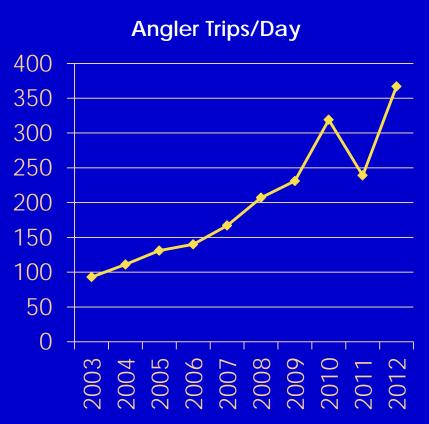
- 1. Adopt spot shrimp management option to be incorporated into policy
- 2. Adopt revised policy language

Questions

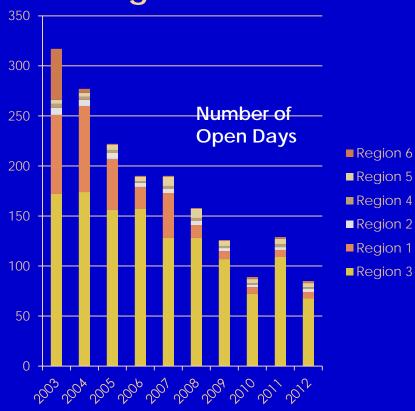


Recreational Fishery - Management Challenges

Recreational Participation Increasing



Recreational Opportunity Declining



Pre-Season Puget Sound Commercial Shrimp Harvest Targets Versus Actual Harvest (2008-2012)

Year	Puget Sound Pre-Season Harvest Target	Actual Harvest
2008	43%	43%
2009*	44%	42%
2010	45%	44%
2011	47%	47%
2012	50%	49%

^{* 1,200} pounds available for commercial harvest was not harvested