

North of Falcon Policy

Commission Briefing – January 10, 2015



Policy C-3608

Expired December 31, 2014

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Purpose

- Highlights of Draft Policy
- Previous Guidance
- Policy Consideration Process
- Seek Commission Guidance

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Department staff will insure that management decisions are consistent with:

- Statutory Authority
- U.S. v. Washington
- U.S. v. Oregon
- Endangered Species Act
- Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan
- Pacific Salmon Treaty
- PFMIC's Framework Salmon Management Plan
- State/Tribal agreements
- Fish and Wildlife Commission Policies

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Guidance to the Department for annual salmon fisheries:

- Conservation Principles
- Harvest Opportunity
- In-season Management
- Monitoring, Sampling and Enforcement
- Gear Conflicts
- Incidental Mortalities

Communications

... make ongoing improvements for effective public involvement during the North of Falcon planning process

Include North of Falcon participants as observers during appropriate state/tribal discussions of fishery issues

Delegation of Authority

- ... the Fish and Wildlife Commission delegated the authority to the Director to
- ... make harvest agreements with Northwest treaty tribes and other governmental agencies
- ... adopt permanent and emergency regulations resulting from North of Falcon

Guidance

Page One – no proposed changes

Page Two – Chinook and Coho Salmon Section
Second Bullet - New language - Grays Harbor will be managed consistent with the Commission's Grays Harbor Policy (Policy Number C-3621)

Third Bullet – beginning with the second sentence, strike the remaining language and replace it with: Willapa Bay will be managed consistent with the Commission's Willapa Bay Policy (Policy #xxxx)

Guidance cont.

Page Three – Communications

Add a fourth bullet as follows: The Department will make a concerted effort to consult with stakeholders prior to making major decisions with the tribes.

Page Three – Other Species

Delete the second sentence that begins with Management of Willapa....

Policy Process

December 12, 2014 FWC briefing
received guidance to draft policy

January 2015, FWC briefing on revised draft
public comment period – ends January 31
public hearing
seeking additional guidance

February 2015, FWC briefing on final draft and
public comments received
FWC considers adopting new North of Falcon
Policy

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Questions ?