

Summary

Meeting dates: August 7-8, 2015

Agenda item: Statewide Steelhead Management Plan - Briefing

Presenter(s): Jim Scott, Special Assistant; Annette Hoffmann, Region 4 Fish Program Manager; Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

Background summary:

The Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) adopted the policy statements of the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan (Plan) in 2008. The Plan provides a framework of policies, strategies, and actions to guide the Department in the conservation and management of steelhead. The guidance is provided in eight broad areas: 1) Natural Production; 2) Habitat Protection and Restoration; 3) Fishery Management; 4) Artificial Production; 5) Regulatory Compliance; 6) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Adaptive Management; 7) Research; and 8) Outreach and Education.

Department staff will provide the FWC a two-part briefing on the implementation of the Plan. Part 1 (this presentation) will summarize implementation of the Plan and discuss several current initiatives. These initiatives include establishing wild steelhead gene banks in the Puget Sound region and an advisory group process to review the management of north coast rivers.

Part 2 (immediately following this presentation) will provide a summary of the Steelhead At Risk Report including which populations are most at risk, a summary of statewide and regional threats, and key management strategies and actions to address those threats. The Plan directs the Department to provide this report to the Director and FWC at 5-year intervals.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A

Commission Request to Department "Blue Sheet"

Date of Request: Feb 7, 2015

Title of Request: statewide Steelhead Plan + Implementation

Commissioner: Wecker

Priority Level (put one check in each row):

Importance: High Medium Low

Urgency: High Medium Low

Request Due Date: after NOF when practical

Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific.

Description of Steelhead Management Plan + status of implementation.

Key Steelhead issues by region + proposed responses
- Skagit River Steelhead, Olympic Peninsula, Puget Sound, Columbia River

Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other):

Briefing

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