

Summary

Meeting dates: December 9-10, 2016

Agenda item: Pacific Salmon Treaty

Presenter(s): Phil Anderson, Washington-Oregon Commissioner, Pacific Salmon Commission
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Background summary:

The Pacific Salmon Treaty (Treaty) was established in 1985 between the governments of the United States of America and Canada to address the sharing of the conservation burden and fishery benefits of Pacific salmon originating from the states Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, and the province of British Columbia. Negotiations are currently underway to update certain chapters contained in the Treaty that will expire at the end of 2018. These chapters include critical provisions relating to Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and chum salmon originating from Washington rivers.

This presentation is in response to a request made by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission to receive a briefing on the Pacific Salmon Treaty and the renegotiation process and timeline. This briefing will provide an overview of the composition, authorities and responsibilities of the Pacific Salmon Commission; status of the ongoing renegotiations, an overview of the key issues; the implications to the interests of Washington State, and the linkages to other applicable law.

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
