

## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** November 3, 2018

**Agenda item:** Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Commission Discussion, Next Steps and Possible Guidance

**Presenter(s):** Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Fish Program and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fisheries Manager

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### **Background summary:**

In January 2013, the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission (WFWC) adopted Policy C-3620. The policy was amended in 2017 and expires in 2023.

The objectives of the policy “are to promote orderly fisheries (particularly in waters in which the states of Washington and Oregon have concurrent jurisdiction), advance the conservation and recovery of wild salmon and steelhead, and maintain or enhance the economic well-being and stability of the fishing industry in the state.” The policy recognizes uncertainty in implementation, so depends on continued economic and biological analysis, and relies on an adaptive management approach.

The commission requested a comprehensive and thorough review of the five years that the policy has been in place, including stakeholder participation, and provided the staff with a list of 40 questions relevant to the review. This review was formulated into a report and provided at the October 15 Commission meeting.

Staff is providing additional information on total catch, including tributary sport and Select Areas, bycatch, and price per pound. At Commission, request, staff also compiled a list of ideas, provided by stakeholders and Commissioners, for potential changes to the policy.

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### **Staff recommendation:**

Finalize the five-year review report. No policy recommendations.

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### **Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

The Commission will direct staff to finalize the five-year review report by November 15, 2018 and provide guidance on the next steps as it pertains to the upcoming 2019 Pacific Fishery Management Council and North of Falcon process for setting summer and fall salmon fisheries and future potential policy modifications. The Commission may consider the list of suggestions for changes to the policy that were compiled at Commission request.

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### **Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

Not applicable.

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### **Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

The results of the five-year policy review were shared with stakeholders and Commissioners during meetings that took place between March and October of 2018. Comments were documented within the report, reviewed by staff and comments as applicable, were incorporated to improve the five-year policy review report. Stakeholder suggestions for changes to the policy were captured in the list of ideas.

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### **Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

To be determined.

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**Draft motion language:**

Not applicable.

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**Post decision communications plan:**

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