

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning

# JTWG UPDATE

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# Today's Update

- Summary: Good Meeting Yesterday: 25 overall: 15 FN/10 DFO
- Today's presentation:
  - Overview of discussions
  - Next Steps

# JTWG Activities

- Webinar Feb 25<sup>th</sup>: Pre-JTWG/Forum Meeting
- Management & Issue Tracker: Current to March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting Notes: Current to Feb 25
- Info distribution:
  - Reached point of volume of material being distributed requires reference library...

# Yesterday's Discussion

- Steelhead impact assessment
- 2014 JdF Rec Chinook DNA (draft)
- Speed-viewed Forum presentations with intent of clarifying (& error checking) the information presented at Forum: prep presenters for questions
- 2016 Sockeye forecast, DFO sockeye escapement options

# Fraser Steelhead

- IFMP draft objective: manage Canadian fisheries (DFO) to minimize IFR steelhead impacts (Province)
- JTWG recommendation: Engage the Province in April to go over technical model

# 2014 Juan de Fuca Rec DNA

- Received draft DFO info/data package Feb 25
- Initiated discussion/review of data: recommend systematic approach: review for accuracy/errors, then examine conclusions
- Recommend discussion of inventory of information for this fishery: other DNA years - 2000, 2009-2010, 2014 – other years have been collected but not processed yet
- One component of overall examination/review of Fraser Chinook Spring/Summer 1.3 (52) management
  - Recommend this be part of a Joint process for JTWG

# Forum Presentations

- Chum/Steelhead:
  - Fishery area should include a larger area than what is currently examined
  - Steelhead migration rate info will be investigated (radio tag info)
- Chinook: Draft IFMP objective: Summer 41 (0.3)  
Chinook – Does the current management framework allow for FN impact increase due to low forecast sockeye numbers?
  - Could look at something analogous to 2012 approach

# Forum Presentations

- Fraser Sockeye:
  - 2016 Forecast
    - Included: supplemental info about specific stocks “stock of concern” & “cycle line of concern”
  - Fraser sockeye escapement options
    - In general: 2 options – but as demonstrated last year, opportunity to propose/modify options



# Next Steps

- Review IFMP (only received on Friday at end of day)
- Review tech info (Province & DNA)
- Next meetings: In-person: April 4 (Kamloops)
- Possible webinar/teleconference prior to in-person

Thank you!