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Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Susan Bishop - NOAA Federal
Cc: James Dixon
Subject: RE: FW: Schedule for NMFS 2021 guidance letter to Council

Thank you Susan appreciate the clear response.

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From: Susan Bishop - NOAA Federal <susan.bishop@noaa.gov>
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Cc: James Dixon <james.dixon@noaa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Schedule for NMFS 2021 guidance letter to Council

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Good morning Ron,

Apologies that it has taken so long to respond to your question. Thank you for reaching out. Unless we are certain that NMFS would have the time to evaluate any new, agreed-to objectives for consistency with ESA requirements, we would use the 2020 objectives in our guidance letter for Puget Sound Chinook. Given that our letter will need review and clearance prior to sending it to the Council and considering on-going preseason staff workload, I do not see that we would have adequate time to conduct that evaluation.

Please let me know if you have additional questions,
Susan

On Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 11:23 AM Warren, Ron R (DFW) <Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Susan, thanks for the email yesterday. Although we didn't have much time to digest your comments, I will ask a clarifying question about your meaning. Will your guidance letter use last year's management objectives for Puget Sound? Or will you not be sharing management objectives for Puget Sound?

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Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 12:17 PM

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Good morning,

After discussions with various folks over the last two weeks, I thought it would be useful to clarify the schedule to send the NMFS guidance letter to the Council and share our thinking on our guidance for Puget Sound Chinook management units. We are planning on sending the guidance letter to the Council on February 23rd, a week before the Council meets so that the Council, its advisory bodies and the public have a chance to see it before the Council meeting begins the following week. We are scheduled to meet with the advisory bodies early in that week to go over the letter among other topics. Our guidance for Puget Sound would reflect the objectives agreed to between NMFS and the comanagers for those management units where that is the case as we did in 2020. Guidance for the mid-Hood Canal MU would also follow the approach used in 2020. Discussions are on-going with the mid-Sound comanagers, but we expect the guidance letter will reflect an agreed approach for 2021.

We do recognize there are on-going meetings this month. We very much support productive discussions but flexibility in the schedule is very limited given our commitments to the Council. However, if you could keep us in the loop regarding the status of the discussions that would help us identify where adjustments in the schedule might be possible.

Hope you are well,

Susan

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