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Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:54 PM
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Subject: Re: This year's guidance for the Mid-Sound Chinook populations.

I've also included some additional folks on this reply all.

Sorry for the email mishaps.

On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 3:52 PM James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov> wrote:
Well, I hit send on this before I was done.

I was going to also remind folks that we settled on specific NOR objectives for each river in 2019 and 2020:

Lake WA- 500 NOR
Green- 1,200 NOR
Puyallup - 750 NOR

I was also going to say that, while there has been some additional discussion on the Green River MUP and there is a follow-up scheduled for that next week, I do not think that the inclusion of the language (first half of this email) from last year in this year's letter would stall or inhibit those from continuing this pre-season.

Looking for your input on this. I know that the forecasts are just becoming final, so you likely need to consider this year's specifics.

Appreciate your consideration of this.

Thank you,

On Wed, Feb 10, 2021 at 3:41 PM James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov> wrote:
Good afternoon,

I know that you are currently finalizing the forecasts for this year but I wanted to reach out ahead of our guidance letter schedule and get folks thoughts on a plan for the mid-Sound Chinook this year. While there has been some additional discussion on the Green River plan and an additional meeting scheduled for that, I am looking to gauge folks comfort or concern with rolling over the guidance and objectives that we have used for the past two seasons?

As a reminder they are:

1. For the Mid-Puget Sound fall Chinook populations—Green River, Puyallup River, and Lake Washington—discussions with the co-managers are ongoing for development of interim conservation objectives for the 2020 fishing season. As in 2019, NMFS expects that the final agreed-to objectives are representative of recent-year average

natural-origin spawner escapement, in the Green and Puyallup Rivers, and a natural-origin spawner escapement in the Cedar River (Lake Washington) which looks to maximize spawner productivity. These interim objectives will need to conserve recent gains in natural-origin escapement, consistent with the role of these populations in recovery of the ESU. In all three of these systems, hatchery broodstock collection goals are additional, important objectives that can limit the overall attainable harvest rates. Additionally, in the Green and Puyallup River systems, natural-origin adults can be captured at the hatchery facilities. These natural-origin fish are utilized in the hatchery program broodstock but adults that are in excess of that need can be transported to spawning reaches in the rivers to contribute to the natural-origin spawning objective. We expect that the co-manager's fishery management actions, in the case of Lake Washington, and fishery management actions and hatchery broodstock actions in the Green and Puyallup Rivers, for 2020 will result in spawning ground escapements that will meet the objectives described above and we anticipate that these objectives will meet conservation needs for the populations.

I understand that there may be some additional discussions between the co-managers on some elements of the management objectives for these populations.

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