
From: James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Jon Oleyar
Cc: Mike Mahovlich; Chris Phinney; Casey Schmidt; Jason Schaffler; Jillian Howard; Isabel Tinoco; Fisheries Commission; Rob Purser; Frederick Dillon; Jones, Rob
Subject: Re: This year's guidance for the Mid-Sound Chinook populations.

Jan,

Thank you for the response.

On Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 12:24 PM Jon Oleyar <joleyar@suquamish.nsn.us> wrote:

All,
Suquamish is also in agreement.

Thank You.
Jon

On Feb 19, 2021 12:01 PM, Mike Mahovlich <Mike@muckleshoot.nsn.us> wrote:

Hi James,

Muckleshoot is good with rolling over last year's guidance language.

Thanks,

Mike

From: Chris Phinney [mailto:Chris.Phinney@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:37 AM
To: 'James Dixon - NOAA Federal'; Fred Dillon
Cc: Jason Schaffler; Mike Mahovlich
Subject: RE: This year's guidance for the Mid-Sound Chinook populations.

Hi James

I'm pretty sure we are okay with a roll over from last year's language. I didn't see any other responses so I hadn't either. We have talked to Muckleshoot a little bit and as far as I know we are all okay with it. I have added Jason and Mike just in case

Thanks Chris

From: James Dixon - NOAA Federal [mailto:james.dixon@noaa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Chris Phinney <Chris.Phinney@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov>; Fred Dillon <Fred.Dillon@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: This year's guidance for the Mid-Sound Chinook populations.

Good morning Fred, Chris,

Apologies for all of the email on this topic but getting internal pressure to get the letter through our clearance process. I assume that you may have an internal process of your own that this question needs to get through. I would just ask that you could provide me with as prompt of a response as possible that the language roll-over (described in earlier email) will still provide you the room you need to work for this year's agreement?

Thanks and I really appreciate anything you can provide me.

Take care,

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From: James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov>
Date: Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 1:37 PM
Subject: Re: This year's guidance for the Mid-Sound Chinook populations.
To: Mike Mahovlich <Mike@muckleshoot.nsn.us>, Isabel Tinoco <Isabel.Tinoco@muckleshoot.nsn.us>, Fred Dillon <Fred.Dillon@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov>, Jason Schaffler <jason.schaffler@muckleshoot.nsn.us>, Chris Phinney <Chris.Phinney@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov>, Casey Schmidt <cschmidt@suquamish.nsn.us>, Warren, Ron R (DFW) <Ron.Warren@dfw.wa.gov>, Adicks, Kyle (DFW) <Vincent.Adicks@dfw.wa.gov>, <Chad.Herring@dfw.wa.gov>, Jon Oleyar <joleyar@suquamish.nsn.us>

Good afternoon,

I wanted to reach back out and see if folks had an opportunity to consider the proposal to roll over the Guidance letter language for 2021. Please recall that the letter itself does not contain the numerical objectives, only the language that indicates that "we" are still in discussion on these specific objectives. I've updated the language as it would appear in the letter, here:

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 2021 fishing season. As in 2020, 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 look 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 or passed on 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 2021 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.

We can continue discussion on the potential to roll over the actual river-specific NOR abundance objectives from 2020 but for now, I need to include some language in the letter and we are looking to finalize the letter as soon as possible.

Please let me know if there are concerns with the above language for the 2021 PFMC guidance letter?

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

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:

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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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