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Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:30 AM
To: James Dixon - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Puget Sound Fisheries Biological Opinion - Update

James, any news as to how this will take? Each day that goes by leaves Swinomish less Chinook.

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From: James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:06 PM
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Subject: Re: Puget Sound Fisheries Biological Opinion - Update

Good evening All,

I wanted to give folks an update on the status of the biop work. We made good progress over the weekend and early this week. As I indicated last Friday, I'd like to give you all some certainty on a day for completion but we are not there yet. I will check back with you as soon as we have another update.

Thank you and please reach out if you have questions,

On Thu, Apr 29, 2021 at 7:35 PM Scott Schuyler <ScottS@upperskagit.com> wrote:
Thanks for the update James.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 29, 2021, at 7:06 PM, James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov> wrote:

Good evening Lorraine, Kelly,

I wanted to reach out and give folks an update on where our review is for the 2021-2022 harvest plan.

I can say now, with certainty, that we will not be finished with the biop by May 1. That may not come as a surprise to folks but I wanted to make sure that everyone knew that.

I cannot say with certainty, at this point, when we might complete it. I can only say that we are working hard to get through our review process and that it will be completed as soon as possible.

I will keep you all informed of the schedule on a frequent basis to make sure you know where we are, and eventually, when we anticipate completion.

We very much appreciate folks patience and we understand the effect of the delay on your fisheries, particularly after last year's restriction - this year's first fisheries represent an important opportunity and milestone to reconnect with the resource, your families, and traditions.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any specific questions, we will answer as best we can.

Please check your email for updates on the status.

Thank you,

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