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2019-2020 Wild Skagit Steelhead Management Season Preseason Plan

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Fri, Feb 14, 2020 at 1:58 PM

To: Pete Kairis <pkairis@skagitcoop.org>, Bob McClure <bobm@upperskagit.com>, Casey Ruff <cruff@skagitcoop.org>, Grant Kirby <gkirby@sauk-suiattle.com>, "Barkdull, Brett C (DFW)" <Brett.Barkdull@dfw.wa.gov>, "Fowler, Andrew M (DFW)" <Andrew.Fowler@dfw.wa.gov>, "Eleazer, Edward J (DFW)" <Edward.Eleazer@dfw.wa.gov>, "James, Chris" <cjames@nwifc.org>

Cc: James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov>

Thank you to all who participated in the call yesterday to walk through the 2018/2019 Post-Season Skagit Steelhead RMP Report.

Per our conversation, NMFS wanted to reach out to the suite of Skagit RMP comanagers and inquire about the need for a submission of a 2019/2020 pre-season fishery plan, given the forecasted run size, and the indication from WDFW staff, Edward Eleazer, that the State does not intend to open a wild steelhead directed catch and release recreational fishery this year.

Could you please respond with your intent for the 2019/2020 fishery year, with respect to any directed wild steelhead fishery plans **by February 21st**? If there are none, could you please indicate that in your response? We are looking to close the loop on this piece of the annual reporting as described within the RMP and BiOp.

Thank you. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best regards,
Christina Iverson

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM Eleazer, Edward J (DFW) <Edward.Eleazer@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

It is my understanding that there would be no directed wild steelhead fisheries until we have a preseason plan submitted for review and the abundances within the plan/forecast would allow for harvest.

From: Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 2:40 PM

To: Eleazer, Edward J (DFW) <Edward.Eleazer@dfw.wa.gov>

Cc: gkirby@sauk-suiattle.com; bobm@UPPERSKAGIT.com; cruff@skagitcoop.org; James Dixon - NOAA Federal (james.dixon@noaa.gov) <james.dixon@noaa.gov>; Barkdull, Brett C (DFW) <Brett.Barkdull@dfw.wa.gov>; Lorraine Loomis <lloomis@skagitcoop.org>; Scott Schuyler <ScottS@upperskagit.com>; jasonj@sauk-suiattle.com

Subject: Re: 2019-2020 Wild Skagit Steelhead Management Season Preseason Plan

Hi Edward,

Thank you for the notification. I just wanted to follow up and confirm with you, the comanagers do not plan to open any steelhead fisheries until the preseason plan has been submitted for our review. Would that be correct?

Thanks for any clarification you can provide.

Best,
Christina Iverson

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 2:03 PM Eleazer, Edward J (DFW) <Edward.Eleazer@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Christina,

The Skagit co-managers are behind schedule in the development of the forecast for the preseason plan for 2020. I apologize for the delay and we will send in the plan once the model is agreed to and we have an agreed to plan in place. Please let us know ASAP if this delay is unacceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

--Edward

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Christina,

Thank you for organizing the meeting yesterday and for the opportunity to both clarify the 2018/2019 post-season report and to use this opportunity to 'close the loop' on the 2019-2020 fishing plan for Skagit wild steelhead under the existing RMP.

Based on the forecast Skagit wild steelhead return for the 2019-2020 management period, under the terms of the existing Skagit Resource Management Plan, The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe will not be scheduling any directed fishery for Skagit wild steelhead during the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 management period.

Bob McClure

Harvest Biologist

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

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Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 9:27 AM

To: Bob McClure <bobm@upperskagit.com>

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Thank you very much, Bob.

Best,
Christina

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Pete Kairis <PKairis@skagitcoop.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 10:39 AM

To: Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov>, Bob McClure <bobm@upperskagit.com>, Casey Ruff <cruff@skagitcoop.org>, Grant Kirby <gkirby@sauk-suiattle.com>, "Barkdull, Brett C (DFW)" <Brett.Barkdull@dfw.wa.gov>, "Fowler, Andrew M (DFW)" <Andrew.Fowler@dfw.wa.gov>, "Eleazer, Edward J (DFW)" <Edward.Eleazer@dfw.wa.gov>, "James, Chris" <cjames@nwifc.org>
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Hi Christina,

The Swinomish Tribe is not scheduling any directed steelhead fisheries for the 2019/20 fishery year due to the low forecast abundance.

Pete

From: Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2020 1:59 PM

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Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov> Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 11:10 AM
To: Pete Kairis <PKairis@skagitcoop.org>
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Thank you, Pete.

Best regards,
Christina
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Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov> Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 9:04 AM
To: Casey Ruff <cruff@skagitcoop.org>, Grant Kirby <gkirby@sauk-suiattle.com>
Cc: James Dixon - NOAA Federal <james.dixon@noaa.gov>

Good morning,

Just wanted to reach out and see if we could get a response regarding any wild steelhead directed fishery planning for the 2019/2020 season, under the Skagit RMP. We have recieved responses from both the Upper Skagit and Swinomish.

Thanks,
Christina
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Casey Ruff <cruff@skagitcoop.org> Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 9:34 AM
To: Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov>, Grant Kirby <gkirby@sauk-suiattle.com>
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Hi Christina,

To my knowledge, I don't believe that Sauk is planning a directed steelhead fishery given the low forecast. Grant, can you please confirm if you haven't already done so?

Thanks,

Casey
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Tribble, Valerie K (DFW) <Valerie.Tribble@dfw.wa.gov> Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 2:29 PM
To: Christina Iverson - NOAA Federal <christina.iverson@noaa.gov>

Hi Christina—do you have an adequate response from WDFW as yet for this email you sent last month?

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Thu, Mar 5, 2020 at 2:55 PM

To: "Tribble, Valerie K (DFW)" <Valerie.Tribble@dfw.wa.gov>

Yes, thanks for checkin in Val.

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