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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] SECOND UPDATE on ODFW's Game Fish Policies, Rules and Statutes
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 3:00:01 PM

Hello all,

1) I have been informed that the Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission has tabled their review of the Draft policy shared with you at our last meeting (FPOM Task Group on Piscine Predation), and it is currently tabled "indefinitely".

2) In terms of Oregon Statutes and Rules that pertain to what can and cannot be done with game fish (including walleye, SMB and catfish), I did not find any specific language about removing game fish for "beneficial use". I just found a rule which said that "edible parts" of game fish cannot be wasted, and I think this is what Art Martin was referring to when he came to speak to our group at the October meeting. (See last rule included in attached document.) I think one also needs a license to remove these fish.

3) In my search for pertinent rules and statutes I also found some related to game fish and the protection of listed, native species, such as salmonids (see attached).

Given all of these facts, I think it is still possible to draft a white paper / letter regarding the proposal to remove certain game fish caught in the dam angling program, but I just want to make sure we refer to the current rules accurately.

Thanks again and have a nice holiday,
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On Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 11:09 AM Morrill, Charles (DFW) <Charles.Morrill@dfw.wa.gov <<mailto:Charles.Morrill@dfw.wa.gov>>> wrote:

Thanks for that clarification Josie !

Charlie

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Subject: CLARIFICATION on ODFW Document Shared - Non-Native Game Fish Policy

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Hello Non-Native Piscine Predation Task Force members,

I have an important clarification about the ODFW PDF document that I shared with the group yesterday, and was referred to as if it was official ODFW policy at this point in time. I didn't uncover the document myself, but I should have asked more about its source and its status in the meeting yesterday.

It has come to my attention that this PDF comes from an ODFW Fish and Wildlife Commission packet (which is relatively clear by looking at the footer), BUT it is DRAFT POLICY and has not been approved, at present. Erick Van Dyke (ODFW) said he would check into the status of the Commission's current direction on this, and we'll share that with you as soon as possible.

Thank you, and

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Draft meeting minutes from today's Task Group meeting. There were difficult to capture as we didn't follow the agenda but

it was a good discussion. I didn't catch it all, but if I got it wrong please suggest and corrections using track changes in Word.

This can be a contentious issue so feel free to make corrections.

Erick there are a couple of places where I wasn't able to capture your entire comment. If I missed it or it is too abbreviated, just let me know. Thanks for participating.

I'll send out and update version prior to the next TG meeting or earlier,

Nathan

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: [EXTERNAL] Scheduling Next Non-Native Piscine Predation Task Force

Hello all,

I hope you can make it to our Piscine Predation Task Group meeting on Thursday after FPOM. I have summarized most of the research papers provided to the group on SMB predation in the attached Excel spreadsheet. It is a work in progress though and could definitely be improved upon. Also, there are at least a couple more studies still to be added (Tiffan et al. 2020 and the Predation Workshop 2008 summary report). Feel free to look at the takeaway points for each study before our discussion on Thursday. I propose the following topics for our agenda.

1) Discuss key takeaways about SMB predation on salmonids and SMB presence in the Lower Columbia and Snake River over time including:

- temporal and spatial hotspots in prior dam angling studies
- how diets / abundance change over the spring and summer
- how diets differ by SMB size ranges
- how diets may have changed over time (as their presence has increased).

2) What more needs to be known to begin a removal effectiveness study, particularly, effectiveness at reducing SMB predation on salmon (subyearlings)?

3) If research on removal at the dams was conducted, how would removal effectiveness be measured? CAN it be measured given the complexity of predator dynamics in the system?

4) ODFW Commission's Non-Native Gamefish Management Policy (2020) and what it says about conservation risks to native species (see attached PDF).

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On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 11:18 AM Morrill, Charles (DFW) <Charles.Morrill@dfw.wa.gov> <<mailto:Charles.Morrill@dfw.wa.gov>> wrote:

Happy Friday All,

I'm ok with pushing this back ...

Charlie

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Thanks Ben. It sounds like at least a couple of our members will not be able to attend next Wednesday, plus Tammy informed me that the FPOM meeting is not set up to extend past noon, as it will be occurring on a different day of the week (Wednesday) than our usual. So, I think the December meeting will be a better time, but I think it is best if we do not delay it any further than that.

Nathan, if you could add this to your notes for the December meeting agenda, that would be great.

Thanks all, and have a great weekend.

Josie

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On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 10:17 AM Hausmann,Benjamin J (BPA) - EWL-4 <bjhausmann@bpa.gov> <<mailto:bjhausmann@bpa.gov>>> wrote:

Josie,

I'm not sure about the other task group question but I am willing and able to meet next Wednesday. However, I don't have any heartburn waiting a month if that works better for everyone.

Ben

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Scheduling Next Non-Native Piscine Predation Task Force

Hello all,

Two quick questions before I schedule our next task force meeting:

1) Do we know if any of the other FPOM task force groups are meeting after next Wednesdays meeting?

2) I am still putting together the summary of the literature. I can probably have it done by next Wednesday but not before. Would everyone like one more month to digest that before we reconvene to discuss or shall we try to meet next Wednesday at noon or 1pm? Or is anyone available (as it is not our regularly scheduled time)?

I'll make a decision based on responses I receive between now and Friday. I haven't put together an agenda yet, but it will be based off the results of these reports, and also an opportunity to discuss next steps, if there are any at this time. I welcome any agenda item suggestions too.

Thanks!

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Task Group,

Following up with reports on salmonid predation from the Snake River by the USGS.

Also looping in Ben Hausman who is working on predation issues, now with the BPA.

Eric, could you please forward to Art Martin?

Thanks,

Nathan McClain

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Eric, could you please forward to Art Martin?

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Subject: Smallmouth Bass Predation USGS

Nathan,

I was one of the Fish Biologists on the majority of the smallmouth predation studies for USGS that Trevor talked about on the call today. Attached are a few of those reports which I'm sure the group would enjoy. These are centered around subyearling Chinook salmon research and data may underrepresent predation that could have occurred on other species.

The question that I had asked Charlie is that it seems state law for both Oregon and Washington is similar and therefore both states could approve state permitting to allow for removal of smallmouth bass and walleye. Art mentioned state law 496.009 that was written in the 1950's and 1960's that outlines "game fish". Washington has similar laws, RCW 77.08.020 describing "Game Fish" and RCW 77.08.010 describing "waste". Additionally, all three states that share anadromous waters in the Pacific Northwest have all become much more liberal with their sportfishing regulations concerning piscivorous fish such as smallmouth bass and walleye. It seems that the laws regarding game fish and waste are being perceived differently in each state.

I've also attached a couple of pictures just for enjoyment purposes. Nathan had asked if we were only discussing smallmouth and I figured I'd share some largemouth that were caught electrofishing just downstream of Clarkston, WA near Silcott Island. The second picture was an average sized smallmouth (~250 mm) captured in Hells Canyon after a subyearling Chinook salmon hatchery release.

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Feasibility

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Second meeting of FPOM Task Group on Non-Native Fish Removal

Josie,

I attached the two reports reference by Art Martin today that others were interested in reviewing. I am not sure if this was the full distribution of folks that were on the line today, I added Scott St Johns and would expect this could be forwarded to others that participated if need be. Several decades of work have been reported by the Northern Pikeminnow Program (Annual Reports | (pikeminnow.org <Blockedhttp://pikeminnow.org>)) that help to inform the technical details of the management strategy and program. The Annual Report(s) contain the basis for the program and is well documented in the literature citations. No doubt the group has access to libraries or electronic copies for past and current literature, but feel free to ask if you are having trouble locating work of interest.

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Subject: Re: Second meeting of FPOM Task Group on Non-Native Fish Removal Feasibility

Hello everyone,

Just a reminder that I will be hosting our task group meeting on Thursday after FPOM. Since I am inviting an ODFW staff person (Art Martin) to present their current position on the issue, I would like to hold the meeting at 1:00 pm so as to be respectful of his time. I hope that all of you can attend or at least one person from each agency. I am hoping it will be a relatively productive discussion, or will at least help us move forward one step.

Regards,

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On Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 11:25 AM Josie Thompson - NOAA Federal <josie.thompson@noaa.gov>
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Hello all FPOM task group members (on Non-native fish predator removal),

I'm writing to gauge your ability to attend the next task group meeting, and hoping we can schedule one following the FPOM on October 14th. An ODFW staffperson who helps lead the Columbia River Research side of things (including the pikeminnow program) has agreed to come and speak to us on the topic and answer our questions, and I think it will be a productive meeting. Please let me know if you would not be able to attend this meeting on October 14th at 1pm, as agency representation at this meeting is important, and I want to make sure enough of you will be present to make it worthwhile.

And Nathan - please let me know if this would conflict with a separate task group meeting planned for the same date.

Regards,

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On Fri, Aug 6, 2021 at 3:35 PM Josie Thompson - NOAA Federal <josie.thompson@noaa.gov> <<mailto:josie.thompson@noaa.gov>> wrote:

Hello all,

You are receiving this email as you expressed interest in being on a new FPOM task group to discuss the overall feasibility of future removal non-native fish species (primarily smallmouth bass and walleye, possibly other species) that are caught in the Dam Angling (pikeminnow removal) Program at The Dalles and John Day (at present, other dams may be added to the program in the future). Nathan reminded me that the feasibility of doing this through the Northern Pikeminnow Management Program's (NPMP) tagging crew efforts has also been mentioned in previous FPOM meetings, so we'll include this in our discussion as well.

We will have our first meeting on Thursday, following the FPOM meeting (and/or a lunch break), and I think our agenda will be fairly simple and straightforward. I've created a general agenda outline below. Let me know if you have any concerns, questions, additions or suggestions.

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- General Discussion
- 1) Introduction, species of concern, and gathering a general understanding of the issues at play - Josie
 - 2) Proposals for removal and actual feasibility (i.e. staff time, carcass disposal process, etc.) -
 - 3) WDFW's current stance and update on any potential, future policy changes - Charlie
 - 4) ODFW's current stance and update on any potential, future policy changes - Erik (if Erik is not present, Josie can summarize what NPMP staff at ODFW have communicated thus far).
 - 5) Opportunity for other agencies / stakeholders to comment
 - 6) Next steps? Can more be done at this stage or not? Who can help?

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