

PRESENTATION FACTSHEET

Presentation Title: Washington coast Chinook
Salmon: Endangered Species Act Petition Process

Date: 2/1/2024

Board Approval Needed: Discussion

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Background Materials:

Previous Presentation(s): Yes

Previous Material(s) Links:

Date(s) of Presentation: 8/3/2023

https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias__1962/37068/chehalis_basin_board.aspx

Previous Board Action(s) Taken: Discussion

Key Points for Insert Current Presentation Title Here.

- NOAA Fisheries received a petition to list Washington Coast (WC) Chinook salmon July 2023
- In December 2023, NOAA Fisheries announced a positive 90-day finding that the petitioned action may be warranted.
- NOAA Fisheries is assembling a Status Review team to assess Washington Coast Chinook salmon risk of extinction.

Received petition to list Chinook salmon

- On July 17, 2023, NOAA Fisheries received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity and Pacific Rivers. The Petitioners requested that we list the spring-run component of the WC ESU or list the entire (previously identified) Washington Coast ESU that includes summer, spring and fall run Chinook salmon.

90-day positive finding

- Generally, NOAA makes a positive finding if a reasonable person reviewing the petition would conclude that the species may warrant listing. That doesn't mean that it does

warrant listing, it just means that we will conduct a status review to determine whether or not it warrants listing.

Assembling a status review team

- NOAA Fisheries is assembling a status review team to evaluate whether the WC Chinook salmon ESU is at risk of extinction. NOAA is currently soliciting scientific and commercial data and traditional ecological knowledge to inform the status review.

Presenter Follow Up Actions:

Return to the board once NOAA Fisheries issues a final finding on the current petition.