

**Agenda Item A.9**

**Supplemental NOAA Presentation 1**

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FISHERIES**

# West Coast Region FY2019 Priorities

**Pacific Fishery Management Council**

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# Select FY 2018 Accomplishments

## Sustain & Increase Fishing Opportunities

- Completed new Pacific Salmon Treaty agreement
- Issued exempted fishing permits for swordfish
- Opened new recreational fishery off Oregon
- Completed draft EIS on revisions to EFH and RCAs in the groundfish FMP

## Hatcheries

- Supported hatchery production with \$16M in Mitchell Act grants
- Completed ESA consultations on 90 Hatchery & Genetic Management Plans



# Select FY 2018 Accomplishments

## **Improving Regulatory Effectiveness**

- Completed 5-year review of Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program
- Improved ESA Section 7 Consultation Timeliness

## **Completed Priority ESA Consultations (ocean fisheries)**

- Groundfish FMP's effects on ESA-listed Salmon
- U.S. v OR Agreement for fisheries on Columbia River
- Pacific Halibut Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan

## **Salmon Recovery**

- Advanced Habitat Restoration through \$64M in PCSRF grants
- Completed Safe Harbor Agreement with Hart Ranch

# FY 2019 Priorities

## Sustain and Increase Fishing Opportunities

- Complete final rules for 2019-20 groundfish fishery harvest specifications for enhanced flexibility
- Complete proposed rule for Groundfish FMP Amd 28 to modify EFH conservation areas and trawl RCAs
- Authorize electronic monitoring in whiting and fixed-gear sectors
- Issue EFPs for groundfish (trawl gear) and swordfish (DSBG)
- Lead Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force to develop final goals for salmon and steelhead



# FY 2019 Priorities

## Expand Aquaculture Opportunities

- Allocate Mitchell Act funds for hatchery production (45M smolts)
- Co-produce economic & market analysis for commercial sablefish farming
- Develop regional marine aquaculture action plan



## Support Federal Tribal Treaty and Trust Obligations

- Aid long-term harvest management agreement for Puget Sound Chinook
- Work with tribes on 2019 Halibut Total Allowable Catch Limits
- Evaluate Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund



# FY 2019 Priorities

## Engage Partners to Enhance Conservation and Recovery Actions

- Minimize whale entanglements in fixed gear fisheries
- Participate in WA Task Force on Southern Resident killer whales
- Evaluate proposal to remove pinnipeds at Willamette Falls
- Complete ground strategy advancing Oregon Coast coho recovery



## Advance Reintroduction Efforts for At-Risk Species

- Release captive broodstock of Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon juveniles into Battle Creek
- Tag and track juvenile Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon in the lower San Joaquin River

# FY 2019 Priorities

## **Complete and Advance Priority ESA Consultations On:**

- 20 Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans
- Federal Columbia River Power System operations
- Klamath Project
- Central Valley Project/State Water Project long-term operations
- Central Valley Project seasonal & real-time operations during storm events under the Water Infrastructure for Improvements to the Nation (WIIN) Act





# A Busy Year Ahead

