

Meeting Date: July 27, 2023

Agenda Item No. 6

Agenda Item: Fall Chinook, Coho, and steelhead forecasts and season structure

Bureau Chief Approval: LH

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Background:

This agenda item is a non-action item providing an overview of Fall Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and steelhead forecasted returns and previously approved season structure. An update/summary of the 2023 Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon returns and fisheries will also be provided.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Idaho Statute 36-104(b)2 gives the Commission the authority to make a rule or proclamation establishing seasons and methods for the taking of fish. Fishing Rules are provided in IDAPA 13.01.11

Public Involvement Process:

Public input on Fall Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and steelhead season structures was solicited in the winter and spring of 2021 as part of the 2022-2024 Idaho fishing season and rules process. This solicitation was comprised of public meetings and online outreach.

Staff Recommendation:

Informational only