

Meeting Date: 20 September, 2019

Agenda Item No. 2

Agenda Item: Season Setting – Coho Salmon Fishery

Bureau Chief Approval: ES

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Background:

This agenda item concerns the setting of a fishing season for Coho Salmon on the Clearwater River for 2019.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

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

Public Involvement Process:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the proposed 2019 Coho Salmon fishing season.

Justification:

Salmon and steelhead mitigation hatcheries were built to mitigate or compensate for fishing opportunity lost as a result of hydropower development. Coho Salmon returns are sufficient to justify a fishery in 2019.