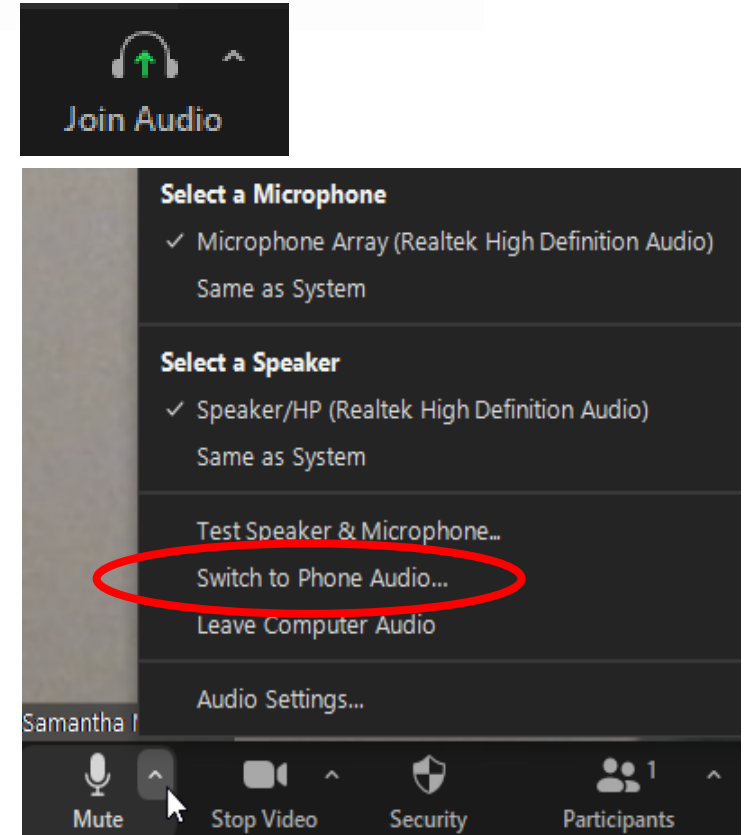# Columbia Basin Collaborative Predation Work Group

**September 28th, 2022**

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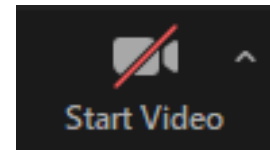*For technical support, please contact Angela Hessenius*

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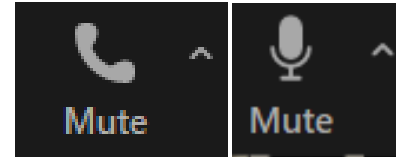
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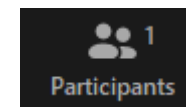
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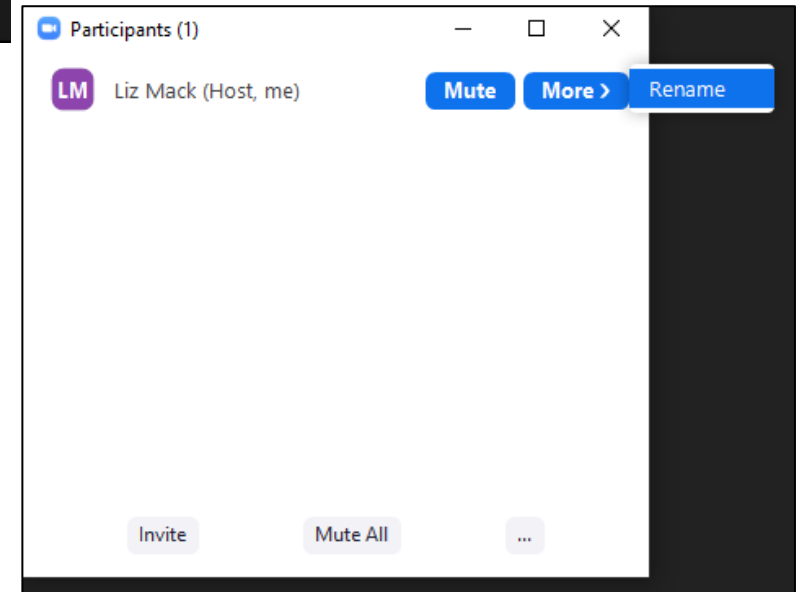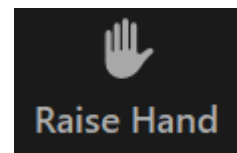
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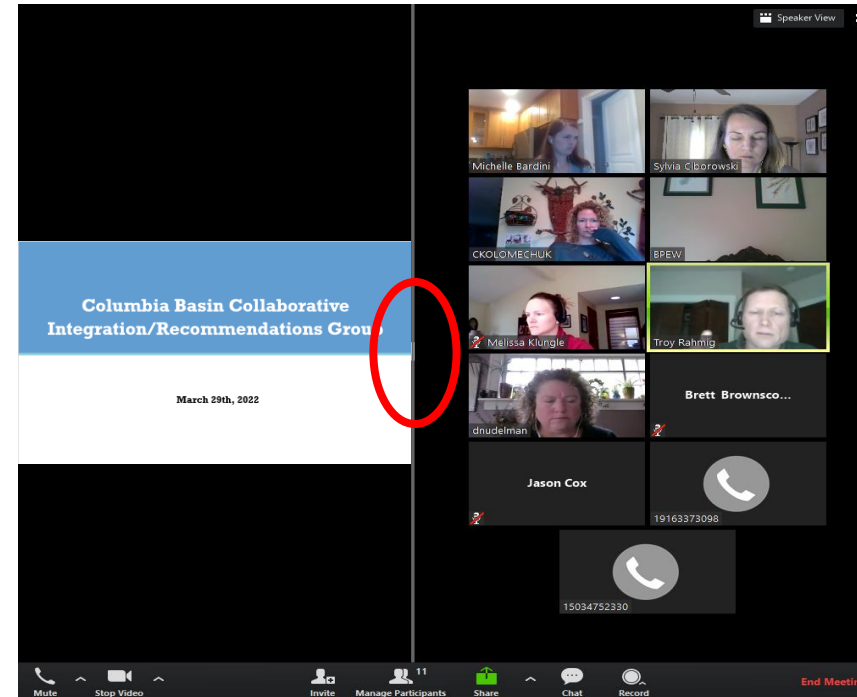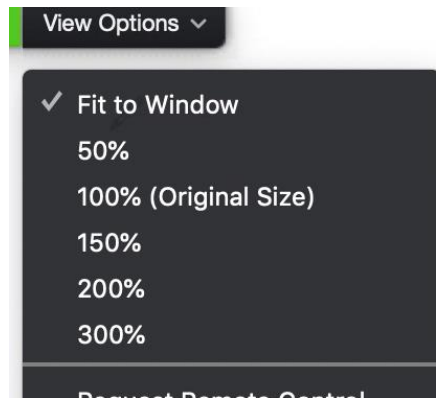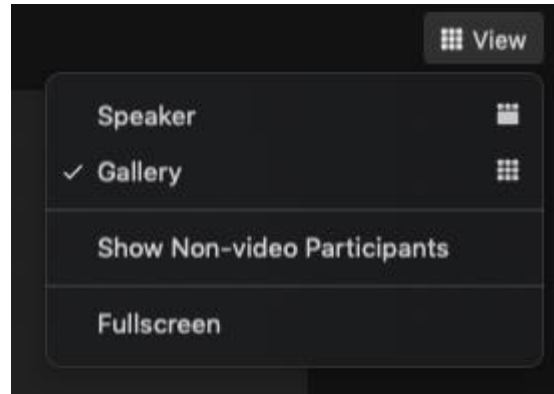
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Welcome, Ground Rules, and Proposed Agenda

Collaboration

Focus on your interests, not positions

Positions are a particular stance,
"What I want"

Interests are the intangible motivation underlying your stance,
"<u>Why</u> I want what I want"

Collaboration

Invent options for mutual gain

- Work for creative solutions
- Increase the size of the pie

Collaboration

Separate the people from the problem

- Put yourself in others' shoes
- Recognize and understand others and your own emotions
- Build a working relationship
- Be hard on the problem, soft on people!

Meeting Guidelines

- Honor the agenda

- Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify

- Balance speaking time

- Don't pile on

- Be hard on the problems, soft on the people

- Seek alignment and common ground wherever possible

- Be present

Agenda Review

Time (PT)	Topic
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Agenda
1:15 – 1:40 pm	Overview and Context of Predation in Columbia Basin
1:40 – 2:25 pm	Discussion of Resources and Gaps
2:25 – 2:50 pm	Work Plan and Next Steps
2:50 – 3:00 pm	Confirm Next Steps, Upcoming Meeting Topics, and Summary

Introductions

- Name
- Affiliation and expertise
- Hope to accomplish or bring into the discussion
- Favorite fall activity – *put it in the jamboard!*

Columbia Basin Collaborative Overview

Integration/Recommendations Group Membership

Tribe
Burns Paiute Tribe
Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe
Nez Perce Tribe
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
Spokane Tribe of Indians
Yakama Nation

*Invited but not confirmed

Federal entity
NOAA National Marine Fisheries
Federal action agencies: BPA, Army Corps, and/or Bureau of Reclamation
Columbia Basin Federal Caucus

States
State of Idaho
State of Montana
State of Oregon
State of Washington

Sector	Primary Representative	Alternate Representative
Utilities	Seattle City Light	Western Montana G&T
Utilities	Benton PUD	Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association
Non-tribal fisheries	Coastal Trollers Association	Commercial Salmon Fisherman
Non-tribal fisheries	Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association	Idaho Wildlife Federation
River Economies	Idaho Water Users	Kittitas Reclamation District
River Economies	Port of Lewiston	Wheat Farmer
Conservation	Salmon Safe	American Rivers
Conservation	Trout Unlimited	Northwest Energy Coalition

A regional approach to achieving the Columbia Basin Partnership goals

Consideration/Implementation by regional forums and processes: state, federal, tribal, international

Proposals to Congress

Implementation by regional sovereigns: federal, state, tribal

Sovereigns and other Regional Entities
Role: Review recommendations and make independent decisions to implement/support actions

Recommendations and feasibility assessments

Project Team
Leads: WA, ID, MT, OR
Role: scope assignments, develop agendas, process coordination

Regional and Sector Caucuses

Members in the I/RG will coordinate with respective caucuses for input and alignment

Integration/Recommendations Group (I/RG)
Role: Assess feasibility and develop recommendations for implementation; strives for consensus

Prioritized information requests

(1) Proposed biological-based priority actions
(2) Draft feasibility assessments and recommendations on implementation paths

Subject Specific Input from Regional Forums

Topic Specific Work Groups ⭐
Role: provides scientific, technical and other analysis per assignment from Integration/Recommendations Group

Columbia Basin Collaborative

GOAL 1. Restore salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin to healthy and harvestable levels.			
Subgoals	**Within 25 years**	**Within 50 years**	**Within 100 years**
1-A. **Prevent Declines:** Reverse and prevent declines of both listed and unlisted salmon and steelhead.	a. Reverse and prevent declines of both listed and unlisted salmon and steelhead.		
1-B. **Achieve ESA Delisting:** Recover ESA-listed salmon and steelhead to a point where they are no longer threatened or endangered.	a. Achieve ESA delisting for at least some salmon ESUs and steelhead DPSs.	b. Achieve ESA delisting for additional salmon ESUs and steelhead DPSs.	c. Achieve ESA delisting for all listed salmon and steelhead.
1-C. **Achieve Broad Sense Recovery:** Restore listed and unlisted salmon and steelhead to healthy and harvestable levels.	a. Make significant, measurable progress toward broad sense recovery of all salmon and steelhead.	b. Achieve healthy and harvestable levels for some salmon and steelhead.	c. Achieve healthy and harvestable levels for all salmon and steelhead.

Work Groups

- Estuary/Tributary Habitat
- Hatcheries/Harvest
- Hydrosystem (mainstem and blocked areas)
- **Predation**
- Science Integration Work Group

Predation Work Group Membership

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association

Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

Orca Conservancy

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Trout Unlimited

US Army Corps of Engineers

US Bureau of Reclamation

US Fish and Wildlife Service - Migratory Birds

US Geological Survey

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Yakama Nation Fisheries

Purpose of Work Groups

- **Develop draft recommendations** for actions, and assist the I/RG in feasibility assessments of those actions

- **Work collaboratively** to clarify and assess subject-specific issues and potential actions and solutions

- **Leverage existing data and studies** to support their assessments

- **Coordinate and collaborate** across other Work Groups for complementary analyses and solutions

Action Type	Steps	Description	Status/Schedule	Responsible Group	Deliverable
CBPTF Technical Planning	1) Define Fish Goals	**ESTABLISH GOALS** Identify current status and L, M & H goals by species and by sub-region based on historic data and available habitat	Completed in 2019 as part of CBPTF Ph I	Developed by CBPTF consultant and sub-region tech teams and agreed upon by Task Force members	CBPTF Phase 1 Report
	2) Define Current Fish Mortalities	**IDENTIFY FISH LOSSES** Quantify anthropogenic fish mortality factors throughout life history by species and by sub-region (summarized on "heat map")	Completed in 2020 as part of CBPTF Ph II	Developed by CBPTF consultant and sub-region tech teams and agreed upon by Task Force members	CBPTF Phase 2 Report
	3) Develop Salmon Analyzer Predictive Model	**CONSTRUCT "SLIDER" MODEL** Develop model with variable restoration components and levels to predict fish restoration action responses and level of goal achievement by species	Completed in 2020 as part of CBPTF Ph II	Developed by CBPTF consultant and sub-region tech teams and agreed upon by Task Force members	Salmon Analyzer Predictive Model
CBC Technical Planning	4) Confirm science-based approach for working groups	**CONFIRM BIOLOGICAL FOUNDATION** Review and confirm matrices that use the data from the CBPTF to serve as the foundation of the working groups	April 2022- June 2022	Biological Sub-group	- Biological Matrices - Approach for TSWGs
	5) Identify Needs for: - Tributary Habitat - Mainstem Hydro - Blocked Areas - Estuary Habitat - Predation - Hatcheries - Harvest - Integration across threat categories	**IDENTIFY ACTIONS/PROJECTS BY TOPIC** - Using CBPTF tools and data, identify priority restoration actions/programs that address impact reduction need for each respective mortality factor and collaborate with existing forums (for example, regional recovery organizations) and the IRG as needed - Consider recommendations, actions, and shovel-ready projects from existing forums (for example the CBPTF P2 report) - Consider actions that benefit multiple stocks and regions/watershed populations - Estimate mortality magnitude, source, and location	Ongoing starting July 2022	Topic Specific work groups	List of actions to address needs
		- Acknowledging tribal and treaty rights and legal constraints			
		IDENTIFY ACTIONS/PROJECTS INTEGRATED PACKAGES Using CBPTF tools and data as well as additional information to look across threat categories to identify cross-cutting actions to achieve L/M/H	Ongoing starting July 2022	Science Integration work group	List of actions to address needs

Columbia Basin Partnership Data

Compiled Impacts by Stock

Sub-Region	Stock	Status	Abundance			MAFAC Phase II Impact Priority							
			Current	MAFAC Medium goal	Current as % of Medium Goal	Tributary Habitat	Estuary Habitat	Hydro (Mainstem)	Hydro (Latent)	Hydro (Blocked)	Predation	Harvest	Hatchery
Low-C	L Col R Spring Chinook	Threatened	2,240	21,550	10%	1	3	3	3	2	3	3	2
Low-C	L Col R Winter Steelhead	Threatened	5,989	27,900	21%	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Low-C	L Col R Fall (tule) Chinook	Threatened	12,329	54,100	23%	1	2	3	3	3	3	1	2
Low-C	L Col R Coho	Threatened	31,524	129,550	24%	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
Low-C	L Col R Summer Steelhead	Threatened	10,594	29,800	36%	2	4	4	4	2	4	4	4
Low-C	Col R Chum	Threatened	11,762	33,000	36%	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Low-C	SW WA Winter Steelhead	Threatened	3,252	5,850	56%	2	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Low-C	L Col R Late Fall (bright) Chinook		10,800	16,700	65%								
Low-C	L Col R Fall (bright) Chinook	Threatened	11,000	11,000	100%	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5
Mid-C	M Col Sockeye	Not Listed	1,036	45,000	2%	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	
Mid-C	M Col R Spring Chinook	Not Listed	11,600	40,425	29%	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mid-C	M Col R Summer Steelhead	Threatened	18,155	43,850	41%	2	4	4	4	4	2	4	4
Mid-C	M Col R Coho	Not Listed	6,324	11,600	55%		5	4	5	5	5	4	
Mid-C	M Col R Summer/Fall Chinook	Not Listed	11,500	13,000	88%	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5
Up-C	U Col R Coho	Not Listed	392	15,000	3%								
Up-C	U Col R Summer Steelhead	Threatened	1480	31,000	5%	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2
Up-C	U Col R Sockeye	Not Listed	40,850	580,000	7%	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Up-C	U Col R Spring Chinook	Endangered	1430	19,840	7%	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	1
Up-C	U Col R Summer Chinook	Not Listed	16920	78,350	22%	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	2
Up-C	U Col R Fall Chinook	Not Listed	92,400	62,215	149%	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	5
Snake	Snake R Coho	Not Listed	100	26,600	0%								
Snake	Snake R Sockeye	Endangered	100	15,750	1%	3	3	1	1	1	2	3	
Snake	Snake R Spring/Summer Chinook	Threatened	6,988	98,750	7%	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	3
Snake	Snake R Summer Steelhead	Threatened	28,000	75,000	37%	2	4	4	2	2	2	4	4
Snake	Snake R Fall Chinook	Threatened	8,360	10,780	78%	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	
Willam	U Will R Spring Chinook	Threatened	4,278	47,850	9%	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	2
Willam	U Will R Winter Steelhead	Threatened	2,816	27,805	10%	1	2	3	3	3	1	3	3

Biological Matrices - Methods

TABLE 8. Aggregate stock-specific abundance values for natural-origin escapement under current and historical conditions, and low, medium, and high goal ranges.

Stock	Current	Historical	Low goal	Med goal	High goal	High as % of historical
L Col R Spring Chinook	2,240	101,700	9,800	21,550	33,300	33%
L Col R Fall (tule) Chinook	12,329	169,700	28,050	54,100	82,000	48%
L Col R Late Fall (bright) Chinook	10,800	33,000	11,100	16,700	22,200	67%
L Col R Fall (bright) Chinook	11,000	0	11,000	11,000	11,000	-
L Col R Coho	31,524	301,900	67,925	129,550	191,400	63%
Col R Chum	11,762	461,300	16,500	33,000	49,500	11%
SW WA Winter Steelhead	3,252	19,100	4,650	5,850	6,950	36%
L Col R Winter Steelhead	5,989	41,900	19,000	27,900	36,400	87%
L Col R Summer Steelhead	10,594	61,200	21,100	29,800	38,100	62%
M Col R Spring Chinook	11,600	246,?	7,750	40,425	114,500	4%
M Col R Summer/Fall Chinook	11,500	17,000	4,000	13,000	16,000	94%
M Col R Coho	6,324	75,000	5,300	11,600	19,900	27%
M Col Sockeye	1,036	230,000	7,500	45,000	107,500	47%
M Col R Summer Steelhead	18,155	132,800	21,500	43,850	69,150	52%
U Col R Spring Chinook	1,430	259,450	11,500	19,840	30,135	12%
U Col R Summer Chinook	16,920	733,500	9,000	78,350	131,300	18%
U Col R Fall Chinook	92,400	680,000	9,200	62,215	87,835	13%
U Col R Coho	392	44,500	7,500	15,000	26,000	58%
U Col R Sockeye	79,511	,800,000	31,500	580,000	1,235,000	69%
U Col R Summer Steelhead	1,480	,121,400	7,500	31,000	47,000	4%
Snake R Spring/Summer Chinook	6,988	,000,000	33,500	98,750	159,500	16%
Snake R Fall Chinook	8,360	500,000	4,200	10,780	23,360	5%
Snake R Coho	100	200,000	8,900	26,600	44,100	22%
Snake R Sockeye	100	84,000	5,500	15,750	26,000	31%
Snake R Summer Steelhead	28,000	600,000	22,500	75,000	131,500	22%
U Will R Spring Chinook	4,278	312,170	28,900	47,850	66,800	21%
U Will R Winter Steelhead	2,816	220,000	16,290	27,800	39,320	18%
Totals	**352,119**	**9,446,120**	**441,165**	**1,572,265**	**2,845,750**	**30%**

FIGURE 13. Heat map of impacts of limiting factors by stock and region, including ranges reflecting uncertainties where appropriate. Units are percentage reductions in equilibrium abundance (generally equivalent to mortality rates).

	Stock	Tributary Habitat	Estuary Habitat	Hydro (mainstem)	Hydro (latent)	Hydro (blocked)	Predation	Fishery	Hatchery
Lower Columbia	Spr Chinook	85	17	0	0 (0-0)	30	14	17	29 (4-54)
	Fall (tule) Chinook	70	21	0	0 (0-0)	15	11	33	25 (3-47)
	Fall (bright) Chinook	10	21	0	0 (0-0)	40	11	47	0 (0-0)
	Chum	95	50	5	0 (0-0)	0	2	1	10 (1-18)
	Coho	80	11	0	0 (0-0)	5	13	17	22 (3-42)
	Sumr Steelhead	65	28	4	0 (0-0)	40	19	5	8 (1-15)
	Win Steelhead SWW	60	28	0	0 (0-0)		19	5	17 (2-33)
	Win Steelhead LCR	65	28	0	0 (0-0)	10	19	5	9 (1-16)
Willamette	Spr Chinook	85	20	0	0 (0-0)	50	19	13	25 (3-46)
	Win Steelhead	80	28	0	0 (0-0)	20	32	3	2 (0-4)
Middle Columbia	Spr Chinook	85	17	23	14 (3-25)	25	25	15	24 (3-45)
	Fall Chinook	20	27	13	9 (2-17)	5	10	55	0 (0-0)
	Coho	NA	11	30	19 (5-33)	0	17	22	NA
	Sockeye	0	17	19	9 (2-17)	95	8	3	NA
	Sumr Steelhead	80	28	11	14 (3-25)	20	33	10	17 (2-33)
Upper Columbia	Spr Chinook	45	18	49	38 (9-67)	25	29	15	32 (5-59)
	Summer Chinook	50	27	49	38 (9-67)	50	13	61	27 (4-51)
	Fall Chinook	25	27	65	19 (5-33)	5	13	61	10 (1-18)
	Sockeye	50	17	38	38 (9-67)	80	24	12	10 (1-18)
	Sumr Steelhead	40	31	30	38 (9-67)	95	52	10	24 (3-45)
Snake	Spr Chinook	50	16	39	38 (9-67)	30	29	14	15 (2-28)
	Fall Chinook	25	27	62	38 (9-67)	80	13	45	NA
	Sockeye	10	17	47	38 (9-67)	70	24	6	NA
	Sumr Steelhead	45	27	30	38 (9-67)	40	43	25	24 (3-45)

<5%	5-20%	21-30%	31-50%	>50%

Predation

		Impact Level				
Stock Status		Low	Medium	High	Very High	
	Low	LC SpCH, LC Tule FCH, LC Coho, LC WSthd, Will SpCH, MC Sock, UC Sum CH	UC SpCH, UC Sock, SN SpCH, SN Sock	Will WSthd	UC Sum Sthd	**Impact Level** Low: less than 20% Medium: 20-30% High: 31-50% Very High: Greater than 50%
	Medium	LC Sum Sthd, LC Chum	MC SpCH	MC Sum Sthd, SN Sum Sthd		**Stock Status (based on CBP medium goal)** Low: less than 25% Medium: 25-50% High: 51-75% Very High: greater than 75%
	High	SWW WSthd, MC Coho				**Prioritization Status** Red: Priority 1 Orange: Priority 2 Yellow: Priority 3 Blue: Priority 4 Green: Priority 5
	Very High	LC Bright FCH, MC FCH, UC FCH, SN FCH				

NA: UC Coho, LC Late BFCH

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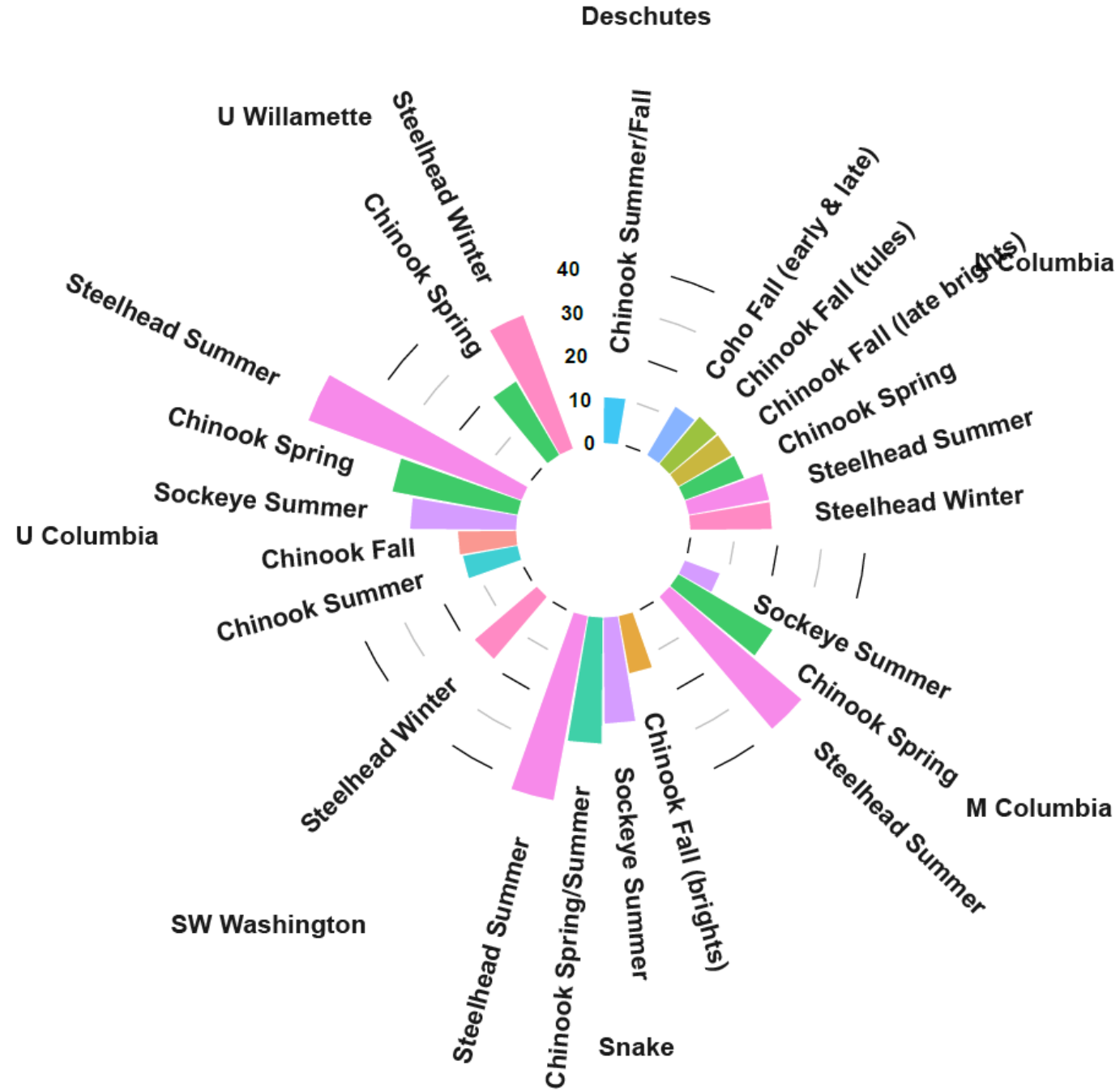# Predation Table Biological Criteria for Priority Actions

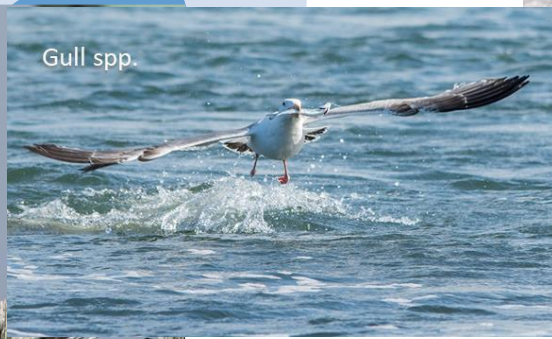| Stock Status	Impact Level				
	Low	**Medium**	**High**	**Very High**	
Low	LC SpCH LC Tule FCH LC Coho LC WSthd Will SpCH MC Sock UC Sum CH	UC SpCH UC Sock SN SpCH SN Sock	Will WSthd	UC Sum Sthd	**Impact Level** Low: less than 20% Medium: 20-30% High: 31-50% Very High: Greater than 50% **Stock Status (based on CBP medium goal)** Low: less than 25% Medium: 25-50% High: 51-75% Very High: greater than 75%
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NA: UC Coho, LC Late BFCH

Life-cycle predation mortality

Shrink the bar Reduction

Legend: Pikeminnow, Birds, Sea Lions

Categories (top to bottom):
- Spr Chinook L Col
- Spr Chinook Willamette
- Spr Chinook Mid Col
- Spr Chinook U Col
- Spr Chinook Snake
- Summer Chinook U Col
- Fall (tule) Chinook L Col
- Fall (brite) Chinook L Col
- Fall Chinook Deschutes
- Fall Chinook U Col
- Fall Chinook Snake
- Chum L Col
- Coho L Col
- Sockeye Deschutes
- Sockeye U Col
- Sockeye Snake
- Sumr Steelhead L Col
- Sumr Steelhead Mid Col
- Sumr Steelhead U Col
- Sumr Steelhead Snake
- Win Steelhead SW WA
- Win Steelhead L Col
- Win Steelhead U Willamette

Shrink the Bar

Sources of Predation – for CRB stocks

AVIAN

MARINE MAMMAL

PISCINE

Double-crested cormorant

Gull spp.

CBP Focus Species

CASPIAN TERNS, DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS, CA AND RING-BILLED GULLS

CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS, STELLER SEA LIONS, SEALS, *ORCAS*

NORTHERN PIKEMINNOW, WALLEYE, SMALLMOUTH BASS

CBP Broad Measures to Address Predation

Lethal

- Tactical and targeted (high impact individuals and repeat offenders)
- Partial reduction (sub-population level)
- Population scale management (Incentive Programs, regulation modifications)

Non-lethal

- Infrastructure removal and modification (grates, exclusions, bypass, docks, wires, …)
- Predator relocation and discouragement (trapping, hazing, …)

Environmental

- Change conditions to lower predator effectiveness

Existing Predation Management Programs and Infrastructure

Avian - Birds

- Caspian terns on East Sand Island - 2008
- Inland Avian Predation Management Program – 2014
- Double-crested cormorants on East Sand Island - 2015

Pinniped – Sea Lions and Seals

- California Sea lion removals at Bonneville Dam - 2008
- California Sea lion removals at Willamette Falls – 2018
- Steller Sea lion removals and place based management - 2020

Piscine - Fish

- Northern Pikeminnow Removals – 1991
- Bass and walleye bag and size limits lifted - 2016

Predation
Discussion of Resources and Gaps

- Are there other existing forums programs currently operating we haven't covered?

- Are existing forums and programs effective, delivering desired results, and/or having unintended consequences?

- What types of programs have (or would have) the largest return on investment (i.e., what shrinks bars the most, or what shrinks the most bars simultaneously)?

- What resources exist currently? What programs need more resources? Are there resources out there that are not currently being tapped?

- What existing data, research, and studies are already out there that the group can form recommendations?

Work Plan,
Next Steps, and Summary

Next Steps

- Summarize existing programs and effectiveness
- Survey the types of programs that would build a large return on investment (Programs that work)
- Develop research/data collection requests
- Develop budget requests

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