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Information Note 1 – Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy Revision Update

In March 2018, the Pacific Flyway Council (Council) recommended developing a scope of work to guide the pintail harvest strategy revision process, and to create a working group to lead this effort. The Pintail Working Group (Working Group) was formed and met on June 27, 2018 in Vancouver, Washington at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Columbia River Fisheries Program Office. Participants included Jason Schamber (AK), Melanie Weaver (CA), Jeff Knetter (ID), Brandon Reishus (OR), Blair Stringham (UT), Kyle Spragens (WA), Todd Sanders (USFWS), Steve Olson (USFWS), and Joe Sands (USFWS).

June 2018 Working Group Discussion Summary

The Working Group determined that a briefing report of work conducted to date be prepared for the upcoming Harvest Management Working Group (HMWG) to be presented/approved by the Study Committee (SC) in September. The Working Group discussed problems with the current harvest strategy, harvest strategy revision considerations, and harvest management objectives.

Post Working Group Meeting Products

The Working Group drafted a pintail harvest strategy problem statement including specific harvest management objectives and harvest strategy revision considerations. The draft problem statement was shared and discussed with the SC at the September meeting. The SC supported a draft problem statement document. The SC’s goals include the following:

- 1) Develop a harvest strategy that is peer-reviewed and accepted by the flyways, and is easy to understand, communicate, and implement.
- 2) Achieve the fundamental harvest management objectives and learn about regulatory effects on demographic parameters (harvest rate [and/or harvest] and subsequent survival, production, and population size) through an adaptive resource management framework.

Next Steps

A presentation will be developed for the HMWG meeting to be accompanied by the problem statement document. The SC will reiterate its intention to take the lead on the revision process. Our goal is to reach a consensus with other flyways, formulate a path forward and identify work tasks and leads. This may lead to modifications of the problem statement and objectives. Following the HMWG meeting, the Working Group will review action items at the SC winter meeting in December 2018.

Adoption

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