

Changes to Part 4(C) ODFW (4) Introduced Fishes

Page 12—Salmon Population—Based on comments by Wayne Hoffman, in the discussion of Devils Lake grass carp management we added information regarding the natural progression that would be expected to occur if no further grass carp introductions take place. The expected results would be a diminishing carp population, re-growth of aquatic macrophytes, and re-establishment of the warmwater fish community. WeI refrained from speculating on the impacts this may have on coho, since this impact is unknown. The anticipated positive benefits to coho of the carp's macrophyte removal and subsequent warmwater fish reduction has not been proven, so the introduced warmwater fishes may or may not have been impacting coho at the population scale under pre-grass carp conditions.

Page 12—Yaquina Population—Also based on comments by Wayne Hoffman and corroborated by Bob Buckman (ODFW District Fish Biologist), we added largemouth bass, bluegill, and brown bullhead to the list of introduced fishes in this coho population area. The biologist's assessment of the abundance of these fishes was low, and impacts to coho minimal.

Page 21—Summary—Based on Stakeholder Group comments (origin unknown), we added a brief paragraph in the Summary explaining the role of predator and prey density in the risk of predation on coho.