Celebrating years of service with a look at the history of west coast fisheries

1985

Commission initiates "Outstanding Contribution to Pacific Coast Fisheries Award"

1989

Name change to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

PSMFC Logo, 1989 – present

1990

Pit tag Information System is first implemented in the Columbia River Basin

PTAGIS manages and maintains PIT tag data collected for anadromous salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River Basin and maintains the necessary infrastructure to support automated tag detection.

1990

BPA-funded Northern Pikeminnow Management Program initiated

Pikeminnow Sport Reward Program Website

...to reduce predation by northern pikeminnow on juvenile salmonids during their emigration from natal streams to the ocean.

1993

Value of external contracts managed by the Commission jumps from $7.5 million to $11.5 million

1990

Creation of RECFIN

...to integrate state and federal marine recreational fishery sampling efforts into a single database.

www.recfin.org

1995

StreamNet established

A component of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, StreamNet was initiated through a merger of the existing Coordinated Information System and Northwest Environmental Database projects.

StreamNet cooperatively manages and disseminates regionally standardized, georeferenced fisheries and aquatic habitat data from across the Columbia River Basin and the Pacific Northwest.

1997

50th Anniversary of the Commission

External contracts exceed $20 million

1996

PIT tag program

PIT tags

tags over 430,000 juvenile salmonids for the outmigration

2001

West Coast Groundfish Observer Program (WCGOP) initiated

The WCGOP is a collaborative program between PSMFC and NMFS. The program's main goal is the collection of coast wide; year-round discard rates for the groundfish fisheries of the Pacific coast of the United States.

2002

California Cooperative Anadromous Fish and Habitat Data Program (CalFish) initiated

A multi-agency cooperative program administered by the Commission, CalFish gathers, maintains, and disseminates fish and aquatic habitat data for California's fisheries.

2004

PSMFC Headquarters moves to its current office

205 SE Spokane street, Portland, OR

2006

PSMFC urges Columbia River operating agencies

Zebra Mussels

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

July 2008

Sacramento River salmon runs plunge

Sacramento River

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2009

PSMFC completes year two of the Sacramento River Salmon Disaster Program

...with payments totaling over $80 million.

September 14, 2013

Fall chinook salmon run on Columbia River largest in decades

www.oregonlive.com

April 30, 2013

PLAQ Act Introduced

Steve Brinkman U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Quagga mussels form colonies that can clog water pipes and harm native organisms

1985 — 1990 — 1995 — 2000 — 2005 — 2010 — 2013

8th Director
Lawrence D. Six
1982—1987

9th Executive Director
Guy N. Thornburgh
1987—1994

10th Executive Director
Randy Fisher
1994—Present

November 20, 1991

NMFS begins listing Snake River and Columbia River salmon under Endangered Species Act

January 8, 1993

NMFS begins listing of California salmon

... with Sacramento River winter-run Chinook – more to follow

October 11, 1996

Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 passed by Congress

...an amendment to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

January 26, 2000

West Coast Groundfish fishery is formally declared a disaster due to severe declines

Canary Rockfish – © 2008 Stan Allen

2004

U.S. consumers eat a record 16.6 pounds of seafood per person per year.

January 12, 2007

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act reauthorized

...with scientifically based catch limits to prevent overfishing.

2011

27 U.S. fish populations have been rebuilt since 2000.

NOAA's 2011 Status of the Stocks report documents progress made toward rebuilding the nation's fisheries.

November 14, 1986

Congress adopts Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act

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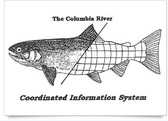
...supporting projects to gather information and conduct activities that support management of U.S. multi-jurisdictional fisheries (link).

August 1992

PSMFC Publishes White Sturgeon Management Framework Plan

1994

Commission takes on management of the Columbia River Coordinated Information System



June 30, 1999

Pacific Salmon Treaty reauthorized

...establishing abundance-based management and restoration/enhancement funds

April 20, 2010

Deepwater Horizon oil spill

Inner Zone Cash Spill

July 10, 2013

Comprehensive Evaluation: Five years of progress to protect Columbia River Basin Salmon and steelhead

The Federal Action Agencies release a draft Comprehensive Evaluation that reviews accomplishments in dam passage improvements, habitat restoration, hatchery reform and predator management as well as the status of the fish.

www.nwd.usace.mil

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