Stopping Northern Pike: 
A Regional Approach to Protecting Resources and Fisheries Economies

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What are northern pike?

-Large predatory fish
-Introduced, not native, in most of the Pacific NorthWest
-In Columbia River as far east as Lake Roosevelt

Photos Courtesy of Jeremy Baxter
Diet

Freshwater salmonids

Species at risk

Salmon

http://akssf.org/
Reproduction

Spawn in spring in grasses and sedges in shallow, sheltered areas

Females produce 15,000-60,000 eggs
How do we control northern pike?

Gill netting

Rotenone
Economic and other threats posed by northern pike

1. Sport and indigenous freshwater fisheries
2. Species recovery plans
3. Commercial, sport and indigenous salmon fisheries
4. Power rates may increase due to operating licenses

(costs unknown, but estimated in excess of $43M per year)
July 24th Pacific Northwest Northern Pike Forum and Coordination Meeting

• Welcome
  • Dr. Brian Heise, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops BC
  • Ray Willard, Washington State Invasive Species Council

• Introduction and role of Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)
  • Nate Wiegel, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

• Forum

• Coordination Meeting

• Closing remarks
Pacific Northwest Northern Pike Forum and Coordination Meeting

Forum participants (~60) representing

- Native American tribes and Canadian First Nations
- State, provincial, federal governments
- Regional non-governmental organizations
- Regional Invasive Species organizations
- Industry, including power providers
- Universities
Forum and Coordination Meeting Outcomes

Recommendations for future PNWER actions:

1. Cross border PNWER pike committee
2. Conduct an economic impact analysis
3. Advocate for increased regional funding
Questions?
Thank you!

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