

PROPOSED AGENDA
Salmon Technical Team

Pacific Fishery Management Council
DoubleTree Guest Suites
Monterey III Room
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September 9, 2003

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 - 8 A.M.

A. Call to Order

1. Role Call (Sign Attendance Roster)
2. Review of Agenda

F. Salmon Management

1. Salmon Fishery Update:
The Salmon Technical Team (STT) should finalize its inseason catch report through August 31, 2003.
2. Salmon Methodology Review: Final Prioritization of Modeling Issues for Scientific and Statistical Committee:
The Council will narrow the list of potential salmon methodology review proposals from the list adopted at the April Council meeting and set priorities for those remaining. The STT should prepare recommendations for the Council.
3. Mitchell Act Program Update:
The Council will hear updates on the Mitchell Act hatchery budget and funding strategy. This will be an informational item for the STT.

Other STT Issues.

1. Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) Retooling:
MRFSS is being retooled to more efficiently and accurately estimate marine recreational catch of groundfish and salmon in California. Mr. Allen Grover will brief the STT on relevant issues.

2. Analysis of Status Quo alternative in Salmon Environmental Assessment (EA):
The evaluation of the previous year's regulations on projected current year abundance was used as the status quo alternative in the 2003 Salmon EA; however, the STT was unable to conduct the analysis for chinook until the April Council meeting. The STT should discuss its ability to provide the analysis at an earlier date to help clarify the season setting process and facilitate NEPA requirements.
3. Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Coho Conservation Objectives:
The PSC coho conservation objectives contained in Preseason I, Appendix A, do not satisfy the criteria for overfishing as currently defined in the FMP. The objectives may be modified without a plan amendment if the new objectives are reviewed in the SSC Salmon Methodology Review process. The STT should discuss the possibilities of those objectives being included in the next review cycle.
4. Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) Meeting:
The MEW will be meeting at 1 p.m. in the Paradise Room to review progress on the chinook and coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model documentation. The STT is encouraged to sit in on the meeting, time permitting.

ADJOURN

Anyone desiring to formally address the entire STT should make arrangements to do so through the STT Chair, Mr. Dell Simmons.

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