

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON METHODOLOGY REVIEW PROCESS
AND PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION FOR 2006

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) approves of the list of salmon methodology review topics submitted by the Salmon Technical Team for review by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) this fall, including the following:

1. Detailed Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) documentation and Chinook FRAM Base Period Data Development.
2. Columbia River Ocean Abundance forecast methodology.
3. Coweeman Exploitation rate.
4. Klamath Chinook contact rate and catch projection.

In addition, the SAS is interested in requesting some research and data needs that may be appropriate as future methodology review topics, including:

1. Examination of the appropriateness of the September 1 birth date for Klamath River fall Chinook, and sensitivity of the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) to changes in the birth date relative to the tag codes used to evaluate fishery impacts.
2. The effects of sea lion predation at the mouth of the Klamath River on spawning escapement of Klamath River fall Chinook.
3. An experimental design for a test fisheries to estimate the relative impacts to Klamath River fall Chinook in fisheries restricted to nearshore areas.
4. Estimates of fall fishery impacts in the KOHM in the preseason process.