

SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

Each year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) completes a methodology review to help assure new or significantly modified methodologies employed to estimate impacts of the Council's salmon management use the best available science. This review is preparatory to the Council's adoption, at the November meeting, of all proposed changes to be implemented in the coming season, or, in certain limited cases, of providing directions for handling any unresolved methodology problems prior to the formulation of salmon management options the following March. Because there is insufficient time to review new or modified methods at the March meeting, the Council may reject their use if they have not been approved the preceding November.

The Methodology Review is also used as a forum to review Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) proposals, which allows the Council to approve permits at the November meeting and allows adequate time for planning fisheries in the subsequent year.

At its April 2007 meeting, the Council identified a list of potential subjects for the methodology review. These subjects and the responsible agencies were identified in the Council newsletter in May 2007, which requests agencies be prepared to speak to the status of the subjects in terms of completeness and priority (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1). The list of potential topics did include one possible EFP proposal for the genetic stock identification (GSI) study.

All materials for review are to be received at the Council office at least three weeks prior to the scheduled review meeting of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee, which is scheduled for mid-October, 2007.

Council Action:

- 1. Determine if topics identified for review will be ready for the SSC Salmon Subcommittee meeting in October.**
- 2. Set priorities for SSC review of methodologies and/or experimental fishing permit proposals.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item I.1.a, Attachment 1: Email to the agencies from Mr. Chuck Tracy dated August 7, 2007.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Agency and Tribal Comments
 - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - d. Public Comment
 - e. **Council Action:** Establish Final Methodology Review Priorities for 2008 Salmon Season
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- Chuck Tracy