

Subject: Salmon Methodology Review

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Agenda Item I.1.a

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September 2007

Greetings All:

This is just a reminder that the Council will be establishing priorities for salmon methodology review by the SSC at the September Council meeting. The review itself is scheduled to occur in mid-October.

A list of potential subjects was considered at the April Council meeting (see below), and it will be useful to have updates on the priorities and whether some of the projects are suitably complete for review.

It is unlikely that the SSC will have time to review all the subjects this year, or that all will be ready for review. Please discuss these projects with appropriate parties and have recommendations ready for the September Council meeting.

The Council adopted the following prioritized list of candidate items that the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) may consider for the 2007 Salmon Methodology Review at its April 2007 meeting. Source entities to deliver detailed reports for SSC review are included with each candidate item.

1. Coded wire tag (CWT) representation for lower Columbia River natural coho in the Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM). *Methodology Evaluation Workgroup (MEW)*
2. CWT representation for lower Columbia River natural tule Chinook in the Chinook FRAM. *MEW*
3. Development of the Recovery Exploitation Rates currently used for Lower Columbia River natural tule Chinook. *National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region (NWR) and Northwest Fishery Science Center (NWFSC)*
4. Development of the Recovery Exploitation Rates currently used for Lower Columbia natural coho. *NMFS NWR and NWFSC*
5. Coho FRAM base period development and selection of years for base period averaging for input into the Coho FRAM. *MEW*
6. Sensitivity analyses of the Chinook and Coho FRAMs to major assumptions, including sensitivity to parameters related to mark-selective fisheries. *MEW*
7. Genetic Stock Identification experimental design, including general purpose experimental objectives, proposed statistical sampling design, and sampling protocols, for West Coast ocean salmon fisheries. *NMFS Southwest Fishery Science Center and NWFSC*
8. September 1 maturity boundary ("birth date") for Klamath River fall Chinook. *Pacific States Marine*

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9. Adding stocks from south of Cape Falcon to the Chinook FRAM. *MEW*

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