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**COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE**  
**Salmon Estimation Methodology Updates and Review**

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PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the review and Council approval of ~~Council~~ salmon estimation methodologies, utilizing the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW). ~~This oversight~~ The review of current and proposed methodologies for abundance and harvest projection, experimental exempted fishing permits (EFPs), and conservation objectives is intended to help clarify the technical basis for the Council's management actions. ~~It should function~~ The procedure is intended to provide peer review of the technical estimation and modeling procedures, to ensure the best and most objective technical analyses possible, to minimize confusion during the preseason option development process, and to resolve disputes over methodology.

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