

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
IDENTIFICATION OF STOCKS NOT MEETING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

Dr. Robert Kope reported to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) that five salmon stocks have failed to achieve their conservation objectives for one year or two consecutive years. These are Sacramento River fall Chinook (2007), Oregon Coastal Chinook (2007), Grays Harbor natural coho (2006 and 2007), Queets natural coho (2006 and 2007), and Quillayute fall natural coho (2006 and 2007). If any of these stocks fails to achieve the conservation objective for three consecutive years, Overfishing Concern will be triggered.

The Queets River spring/summer Chinook and Quillayute spring/summer Chinook have not met their escapement goals for four or more consecutive years. However, these stocks are exceptions to the Council's overfishing policy because they are harvested at a less than five percent exploitation rate in Council fisheries. Klamath River fall Chinook, which triggered an Overfishing Concern in 2006, had a natural spawning escapement level above the floor in 2007.

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