

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

Dr. Robert Kope reported to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on identification of Pacific salmon stocks not meeting conservation objectives. Four stocks have failed to meet their escapement goals for three or more consecutive years. These stocks are Queets Spring/Summer Chinook, Quillayute Spring/Summer Chinook, Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC), and Western Strait of Juan de Fuca coho. The Queets and Quillayute Chinook stocks are exceptions to the Council's overfishing policy because they are harvested at less than five percent exploitation rate in Council fisheries. KRFC are currently subject to an overfishing concern, and are being managed under a rebuilding plan.

Sacramento River fall Chinook failed to meet its escapement goal in 2007 and 2008, and are forecast to be only slightly above the minimum escapement goal in 2009, in the absence of fishing.

Abundance for Stillaguamish coho and Snohomish coho are projected to be below their escapement goals in 2009. Because these two stocks fall under the *U.S. v. Washington* agreement, the Council may allow fishing impacts on these stocks in 2009 if annual management objectives are agreed to by the relevant Parties.

The SSC has concerns about the unavailability of data necessary for a timely assessment of the status for some stocks (e.g., the 2008 postseason escapement estimates are currently not available for Grays Harbor and Queets natural coho).

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