



October 12, 2015

Mr. Don McIsaac, Executive Director  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
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Dear Don,

I am writing to seek your help ensuring coordination in coastwide assessment and management of Coho salmon through our respective forums.

Specifically, I request that the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) staff notify the Pacific Salmon Commission's Coho Technical Committee (CoTC) of any changes to the base period data files or modeling procedures involving the Coho Fishery Regulatory Assessment Model (FRAM) along with documentation of the reasons therefore.

The Coho FRAM is the agreed Canadian/U.S. model relied upon for implementation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement for Southern Coho Salmon. Evaluation of compliance with the terms of the Coho Agreement depends heavily upon projections of total fishery exploitation rates on naturally spawning Coho Management Units produced by the Coho FRAM final pre-season run that the Council relies upon when adopting annual ocean fishing regulations. It is essential that the data and procedures employed by the CoTC and PFMC remain synchronized and that the CoTC be kept informed of substantive changes in the Coho FRAM or related modeling procedures by the Council.

Please direct communications regarding this matter to the U.S. Section Co-Chair of the CoTC, Dr. Gary S. Morishima (3010-77<sup>th</sup> SE, Suite 104, Mercer Island, WA 98040, phone: 206-556-1592, email: [morikog@aol.com](mailto:morikog@aol.com)).

Thank you for consideration of this request, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Field".

John Field  
Executive Secretary

cc: Andrew Thomson, Chair PSC Southern Panel  
Laurie Peterson, Vice-Chair PSC Southern Panel  
Gary Morishima, Co-Chair CoTC  
Arlene Tompkins, Co-Chair CoTC  
Robert Kope, Chair, PFMC STT