

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON
SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) held a joint webinar on August 24, 2017 to discuss topics for the Methodology Review, progress on the Sacramento River winter Chinook control rule, and other salmon-related business on the agenda of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's September meeting.

The STT and MEW were briefed by Mr. Larrie LaVoy on progress made in documenting the development of the new Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model base period, and updating the User Manual as needed. The STT understands this continues to be a work in progress, and will not be finished in time for the Methodology Review in October.

The group was also briefed on an issue regarding Oregon Coast Natural (OCN) coho (Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 2). Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will not have the funds to operate the North Fork Nehalem life-cycle monitoring site in 2017 and beyond. This site, along with five other sites from the central and southern Oregon coast, is used to annually update the marine survival index used in the OCN coho harvest matrix. The STT discussed the potential effects of losing this monitoring site, and alternatives to analyze for the estimation of the marine survival index without this data. The STT believes that proposed changes to the estimation of the marine survival index should be included in the Methodology Review in October.

In addition, the STT was also briefed on further analyses of Sacramento winter-run Chinook harvest control rules (Agenda Item F.2), and discussed two proposed management area boundary changes. The STT has provided separate statements on these topics.

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