

METHODOLOGY REVIEW – FINAL APPROVAL

Each year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Salmon Technical Team (STT) complete a methodology review to help assure new or significantly modified methodologies use the best available science to estimate impacts of the Council's salmon management. The Methodology Review is also used as a forum to review updated stock conservation objective proposals. This review is preparatory to the Council's adoption, at the November meeting, of all anticipated methodology and conservation objective changes to be implemented in the coming season, or in certain limited cases, of providing directions for handling any unresolved methodology problems prior to the formulation of salmon management alternatives in March. Because there is insufficient time to review new or modified methods at the March meeting, the Council may reject their use if they have not been approved the preceding November.

At its September 2017 meeting, the Council approved one item for this year's methodology review. The methodology review meeting of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and the STT was held on October 17, 2017, where a detailed review of the 2017 Technical Revision to the Marine Survival Forecast of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Work Group Harvest Matrix occurred.

The results of this methodology review will be presented to the full SSC and the Council here at the November Council meeting, where the Council is scheduled to approve new methodologies.

Council Action:

- 1. Approve new and modified methodologies and conservation objectives as appropriate.**
- 2. Provide guidance, as needed, for any unresolved methodology issues.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1: 2017 Technical Revision to the Marine Survival Forecast of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho (OCN) Work Group Harvest Matrix.
2. Agenda Item D.2.a, STT Report 1.

Agenda Order:

- D.2 Methodology Review-Final Approval Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2018 and Beyond