Hi All:

This is just a reminder to agencies and involved individuals that the Council will be establishing priorities for salmon methodology review by the SSC and STT at the September Council meeting. The review itself will be scheduled for the last week in September or the second week in October.

A list of potential subjects was considered at the April Council meeting (see below), and it will be useful to have updates on the priorities and whether some of the projects are suitably complete for review.

The Council adopted the following priority candidate items that the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) may consider for the 2010 Salmon Methodology Review. Source entities to deliver detailed reports for review are included in parentheses with each candidate item.

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Model (FRAM) of fishery-related mortality introduced by mark-selective fisheries - (Model Evaluation Workgroup)

1. Continued sensitivity analysis of FRAM to key parameter - (Model Evaluation Workgroup)
2. Oregon coastal natural (OCN) coho abundance predictor - (National Marine Fisheries Service)
3. Evaluation of indicator stock tag groups for Columbia River summer Chinook for incorporation into FRAM - (Salmon Technical Team)
4. Incorporation of additional Chinook stocks into the FRAM for improved accounting and better overall stock representation - (Salmon Technical Team)
5. Revisions to Amendment 13 matrix control rules for OCN coho stocks - (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)
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7. Abundance-based management framework for Lower Columbia River tule fall Chinook -Tule Chinook Workgroup)
8. Update and revision of natural production information in the Lower Columbia River natural coho harvest management matrix - (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife)
9. Review and evaluation of mark-selective fishery reports - (Salmon Technical Team)

In addition to the above potential methodology changes, the review process will also consider updated stock conservation objectives. There have been indications that updates were being considered for Oregon coast Chinook and OCN coho. The process will be similar to proposed methodology changes, with write-ups of the proposed objectives, rationale, and scientific basis due to the Council office at least 2 weeks prior to the October review meeting.

Please discuss these projects with appropriate parties and have recommendations ready for the September Council meeting as to whether they will be sufficiently complete in time for the October review meeting.

Thanks.