

PRELIMINARY 2014 SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW TOPICS

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**Subject:** Preliminary 2014 Salmon Methodology Review Topics

At the April 2014 meeting in Vancouver, Washington, the Council identified potential topics for the 2014 salmon methodology review process. Parties responsible for completing the analyses are in parentheses. Tentative dates for the review are Tuesday, October 21 through Thursday, October 23. These dates may be adjusted when we know a little more about the final topics and workload for the meeting, but please reserve this three day window for now. Note that under this proposed schedule, draft analyses would be due to the Council office no later than October 7 to ensure adequate review time.

The following were identified as priority items:

- Willapa Bay natural coho conservation objective, annual catch limit and status determination criteria (Salmon Technical Team, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW]).
- Southern Oregon coastal Chinook conservation objective (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife).
- Standardized method for calculation of age-2 Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) stock scalars (Model Evaluation Workgroup [MEW]).
- Progress report on new Chinook FRAM base period (MEW).
- New conservation objective for Grays Harbor Chinook (WDFW, Quinault Indian Nation).

The Council is scheduled to adopt the final list of review topics at its September 12-17, 2014 meeting in Spokane, Washington. Responsible parties should be prepared to report at that time if sufficient progress has been made to review the topic at the October 21-23 meeting.