

REVIEW OF 2013 FISHERIES AND SUMMARY OF 2014 STOCK ABUNDANCE FORECASTS

Each year, the Council reviews the Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) document (Review of Ocean Salmon Fisheries) and stock abundance projections (Preseason Report I). Stock status for non-ESA-listed and non-hatchery stocks is evaluated in the SAFE document relative to status determination criteria (SDC) for overfishing, overfished, not overfished/rebuilding, and rebuilt. These stocks are evaluated relative to SDC for approaching an overfished condition in Preseason Report I.

Two stock complexes are required to have annual catch limits (ACLs) specified – the Central Valley fall (CVF) and the Southern Oregon/Northern California (SONC) Chinook complexes. ACLs for these complexes are specified for the indicator stocks identified in the Fishery Management Plan (FMP): Sacramento River fall Chinook for the CVF Chinook complex and Klamath River fall Chinook for the SONC Chinook complex. The ACLs are equivalent to acceptable biological catch (ABC), and are specified based on formulas described in the Salmon FMP (Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1) and the abundance forecasts in Preseason Report I.

Preseason Report I also contains an analysis of 2013 regulations on projected 2014 abundance for coho and some Chinook stocks. This analysis is intended to provide perspective for how fisheries might need to be modified in 2013 to accommodate the new abundance forecasts.

The Salmon Technical Team will review the results of the SAFE document for 2013 and the stock abundance projections and ACLs for 2014.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will review the forecasts and recommend approval for using them in modeling 2014 ocean salmon fisheries, specifying ABCs, and setting ACLs.

Council Action:

- 1. Take action relative to stock status determinations as necessary.**
- 2. Adopt 2014 stock abundance forecasts, ABCs, and ACLs.**

Reference Materials:

- 1. Review of 2013 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* (Included with Briefing Book).
- Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1: Excerpts from Chapter 3 of the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan.
- Preseason Report I: Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2014 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations* (Supplemental Briefing Material).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Mike Burner
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Review and Discuss Relevant Fishery Information, Act on Relevant Status Determinations, and Adopt 2014 Abundance Forecasts and Annual Catch Limits as Necessary

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