

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
THE REVIEW OF 2013 FISHERIES AND SUMMARY OF 2014 STOCK ABUNDANCE  
FORECASTS

2013 Review of Ocean Salmon Fisheries

Dr. Robert Kope discussed the *Review of 2013 Ocean Salmon Fisheries* report with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The report includes sections on status determination criteria in chapters II and III for Chinook and coho salmon stocks, respectively. Table II-5 reports the performance of Chinook stocks relative to 2013 preseason conservation objectives while Table II-6 summarizes Chinook stock status relative to overfished and overfishing criteria. There were no Chinook stocks classified as overfished based on the geometric mean spawning escapement using the most recent three years of available data. Tables III-6 and III-7 present this same information for coho. There were no coho stocks classified as overfished.

2014 Stock Abundance Forecasts

Dr. Kope also discussed Chinook and coho stock abundance predictions for 2014. In March 2013 the SSC recommended a review of Sacramento Index (SI) forecast methodologies and exploration of options. As a result the Council approved a new forecast method for Sacramento River fall Chinook in November 2013. Using the new method, the SI forecast is 634,650 for 2014. This is lower than the 2013 post-season SI estimate of 862,525.

The SSC endorses the 2014 forecasts, acceptable biological catches, and overfishing limits in Preseason Report I as the best available science for use in 2014 salmon management.

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