SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON IDENTIFICATION OF STOCKS NOT MEETING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

Dr. Robert Kope briefed the Scientific and Statistical Committee on salmon stocks currently not meeting conservation objectives. No stocks are currently overfished or triggering an overfishing concern with the exception of Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC). SRFC escapements were below the minimum of 122,000 in 2007, 2008, and 2009. In 2010, escapement was 125,353 hatchery and natural fish. Current status depends on the criterion adopted for ending the overfishing concern. The Salmon Technical Team recommends using the preferred criterion proposed for Amendment 16: a three year geometric mean escapement exceeding 122,000 ($S_{MSY}$). Using this measure, the overfishing concern would be ended with an escapement of 354,412 in 2011.

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