

REVISIONS TO THE PRESEASON PROCESS

Situation: The Council's adoption of final ocean salmon management measures at the April 1999 meeting raised concerns with regard to certain aspects of the preseason management process. The concerns focused around (1) an extensive delay in making the final modeling of the tentative measures, (2) a perceived loss of Council control over the emergence of new management measures, (3) significant changes to the tentative measures during the final adoption without time to model the final impacts, and (4) continued consideration of potential fishery changes in the week following the final adoption.

In response to some of these concerns, the Salmon Technical Team (STT) has reviewed its role in the preseason process and offered some intended changes and suggestions to the Council (STT Report D.2.). The Council may wish to discuss these and other preseason issues, request public comments, and consider adopting process changes or clarifications at the November Council meeting when all salmon advisors are in attendance.

Council Action: Consider proposed changes or clarifications to the preseason salmon management process for implementation in 2000. Proposed changes could be distributed for public review and considered for adoption at the November Council meeting.

Reference Materials:

1. Salmon Technical Team Recommendations for Revisions to the Preseason Process (STT Report D.2.).

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