

OREGON COASTAL NATURAL COHO MANAGEMENT REVIEW - PROGRESS REPORT

Situation: Under Amendment 13 to the *Pacific Coast Salmon Plan* and by the terms of the Oregon Salmon Plan, the management of Oregon coastal natural (OCN) coho salmon is subject to a comprehensive, adaptive review this year. The purpose of the review is to assure the rebuilding program adopted in the Oregon Salmon Plan and Amendment 13 in 1997 still reflects the best science and approach to rebuilding the OCN coho stock. In addition, Amendment 13 and the Oregon Salmon Plan are the basis for management under the terms of the current National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) biological opinion for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act that are impacted in Council fisheries.

In November 1999, the Council approved a review process and work group to be headed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel. The work group has met once and will report on the work completed and future plans. Council representatives on the work group are Drs. Pete Lawson, Robert Kope, and John Coon.

Council Action: Provide direction as necessary to the OCN coho management work group.

Reference Materials: None.

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