

IDENTIFICATION OF STOCKS NOT MEETING ESCAPEMENT  
GOALS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Situation: The identification of salmon stocks not meeting escapement goals for three consecutive years is the first step in the Council's current salmon plan to prevent overfishing. This is also part of the process under amendment 14 to the salmon plan, approved by the Council on March 12, 1999. Amendment 14 also contains other specifications and requirements to prevent overfishing which are responsive to the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996. Since the Council expects amendment 14 to be implemented by National Marine Fisheries Service in the near future, staff has provided the complete "Overfishing Concern" section from Amendment 14 in Attachment C.2.a.

At the meeting, the Salmon Technical Team (STT) will identify any of the natural salmon stocks with conservation objectives in Table 3-1 of draft amendment 14 that have failed to meet their spawner escapement objective in each of the past three years (Table 3-1 is also reproduced in appendix A of *Preseason Report I*). For any stock so identified, amendment 14 requires the STT and Habitat Steering Group to work with state and tribal fishery managers to complete an assessment of the cause of the conservation shortfalls and, if the stocks are not exceptions to the overfishing concern, provide recommendations for stock recovery. For stocks which are not exceptions, the Council must take actions to end the overfishing and begin rebuilding the stock within one year (see Section 3.2.3.2 of Attachment C.2.a.).

**Council Action: Based on the report of the STT, identify stocks requiring review under the overfishing concern procedures of amendment 14. For any stock so identified, establish assignments to complete the required actions necessary to prevent overfishing in time for the 2001 salmon season.**

Reference Materials:

1. Excerpt from Section 3.2.3 (Overfishing Concern) of draft amendment 14 (Attachment C.2.a.).
2. Supplemental STT Report C.2.

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