

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
CLARIFICATION OF METHODOLOGICAL BIAS

At the Council's April meeting, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) informed the Council it had received comment on possible biases in the new chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model. During comment, three specific areas of concern were identified, and the SSC noted these areas in its report to the Council. The purpose of noting the specific areas of concern was to ensure that when the model is reviewed the concerns are evaluated. To this point, the SSC has not received enough information to evaluate whether or not the concerns are warranted. In its comments to the Council, the SSC noted a review of the new model should include, but not be limited to, these items. The SSC is aware the Council deals regularly with issues of both the actual performance of scientific models and the public perception of the performance of the models. The SSC's comments were intended to ensure both these aspects of model performance are addressed.

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