

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRIORITIES

Situation: Each year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) completes a methodology review to help assure that new or significantly modified methodologies employed to estimate impacts of the Council's salmon management use the best available science. This review is preparatory to the Council's adoption, at the November meeting, of all proposed changes to be implemented in the coming season, or, in certain limited cases, of providing directions for handling any unresolved methodology problems prior to the formulation of salmon management options the following March. Because there is insufficient time to review new or modified methods at the March meeting, the Council may reject their use if they have not been approved the preceding November.

At its June 2000 meeting, the Council established the priority of methodologies to be reviewed by the SSC. Based on the statements of the pertinent agencies and tribes, the Council anticipates the SSC will be provided the necessary documentation by September 29, 2000 to begin review of the new Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) and likely some portion of the Coho Cohort Analysis Project. The next review cycle (beginning in 2001) will likely include abundance forecasts for Hood Canal, Strait of Juan de Fuca, and possibly Queets natural coho. Discussions between the SSC and Salmon Technical Team should help guide future methodology review priorities.

Council Guidance:

- 1. Confirm the SSC methodology review priorities.**
- 2. Assure the agencies and tribes identify all proposed methodology changes that may affect the 2001 salmon season in time to allow Council consideration by no later than the October/November Council meeting.**

Reference Materials: None.

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