

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEWS FOR 2001

There are three major salmon methodology projects that, if completed, will require Council review prior to their use in the season setting process for salmon in 2002.

- The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) received an update on the status of the development of the new Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM). We encourage the completion of this project so it can be reviewed by the SSC prior to the November 2001 Council meeting.
- The coho cohort analysis project is designed to produce a new data base for harvest modeling of coho salmon. The SSC expected a final review of this project in 2000, but progress has been slower than anticipated. The SSC encourages the completion of this project as it will be an important component for any update to the coho FRAM.
- The chinook FRAM is currently being modified so that selective fisheries for chinook salmon can be modeled. This will result in major changes to the model and will require a detailed review by the SSC when completed.

The SSC recognizes the need for salmon forecast methodology reviews, but acknowledges that these have lower priorities in comparison to the projects described above.

The SSC requires good documentation and ample review time to make the most efficient use of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee's time. As per Council Operating Procedures (Council Operating Procedure Number 15, Salmon Estimation Methodology Updates and Review), agencies should be responsible for ensuring materials submitted to the SSC are technically sound, comprehensive, clearly documented, and identified by author. Documents should receive internal agency review before being submitted to the Council. To provide adequate review time, materials must be received at the Council office at least three weeks prior to the scheduled review meetings. The SSC will need to review any proposed changes to salmon methodologies for the year 2002 at the November 2001 Council meeting.

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