

## SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT SCOPING

Situation: Proposals for Salmon Fishery Management Plan amendments addressing three issues are before the Council:

- Conservation objectives for Central Valley winter and spring chinook
- Conservation objectives for Oregon coastal natural (OCN) coho
- Coho allocation south of Cape Falcon

### **Central Valley Chinook**

The current Salmon FMP conservation objective for Sacramento winter chinook is based on the jeopardy standard of the 1997 Biological Opinion (BO) which requires no less than a 31% increase in the adult spawner replacement rate relative to the 1989-1993 mean. Subsequent to the 1999 listing of the Central Valley spring chinook evolutionarily significant units (ESUs), NMFS reinitiated consultation on the Salmon FMP. NMFS issued a BO in 2000 which concluded ocean fisheries managed under the FMP were not likely to jeopardize Central Valley spring chinook, and no additional Endangered Species Act constraints for that ESU were required. An FMP conservation objective has yet to be developed for Central Valley spring chinook.

At the November 2001 Council meeting, NMFS has proposed initiating an FMP amendment to develop a comprehensive set of management objectives for winter and spring run chinook. The Council deferred action on initiating the amendment process, pending further exploration of possible objectives and the role of the Technical Recovery Team in the amendment process.

Mr. Dan Viele will present background information and outline possible management measures, (Exhibit B.7.b, NMFS Report).

### **OCN Coho**

The OCN coho workgroup reviewed Amendment 13 conservation objectives (Exhibit B.7.c, Amendment 13 Matrix) in 2000 and recommended the Council adopt a modified exploitation rate matrix (Exhibit B.7.c, OCN Workgroup Matrix). The modified matrix expanded the matrix with categories for very low and critical parent spawner status and very low marine survival. Exploitation rates as low as 0% to 8% were associated with the new categories, and higher exploitation rates were also associated with high marine survival categories. At the November 2000 meeting, the Council accepted the OCN workgroup findings as expert biological advice and managed 2001 fisheries accordingly.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife proposes adopting conservation objectives to replace those in Amendment 13 by formalizing the OCN workgroup matrix through an FMP amendment. Mr. Sam Sharr, ODFW ocean salmon manager, will present the proposal to the Council.

### **Coho Allocation South of Cape Falcon**

At the time the salmon FMP allocation schedule for coho south of Cape Falcon was developed, selective coho fisheries were not envisioned (Exhibit B.7.d, Allocation Schedule). With the advent of selective fisheries, additional opportunities are possible for allocating the coho resource between sport and commercial fisheries. Mr. Sam Sharr will brief the Council on issues relative to allocation.

### **Amendment Process**

The Council's Operating Procedures specify that salmon FMP amendments require a at least four meeting process (Exhibit B.7, Attachment 1). This meeting constitutes the first of those and serves as a scoping session to identify pertinent issues. At this meeting the Council could approve issues for development, establish schedules, and identify participants for development of the FMP amendment(s). The COP's require that final adoption of amendments should occur no later than November for implementation in the next management season; however, there is no requirement the process be concluded within a specific time frame (e.g., one year). Given workload priorities and the number of issues proposed, the Council may wish to consider an extended schedule for this amendment process.

**Council Action:**

4. Identify pertinent issues to be addressed in the proposed amendment(s).
5. Set schedule(s) for remaining meetings to complete the amendment process.
6. Identify participants for developing the amendment(s).

**Reference Materials:**

1. Council Operating Procedure 11 - Salmon fishery management plan amendment process (Exhibit B.7, Attachment 1).
2. Pacific Coast Salmon Plan Amendment Proposal - Management Objectives for Listed Central Valley Chinook (Exhibit B.7.b, NMFS Report).
3. Table A-2. Allowable fishery impact rate criteria for OCN coho stock components under Amendment 13 (Exhibit B.7.c, Amendment 13 Matrix).
4. Table A-3. Fishery impact rate criteria for OCN coho stock components based on the harvest matrix resulting from the OCN workgroup 2000 review of Amendment 13 (Exhibit B.7.c, OCN Work Group Matrix).
5. Salmon FMP excerpt - south of Cape Falcon coho allocation (Exhibit B.7.d, Allocation Schedule).

**Agenda Order:**

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| a. Agendum Overview  | Chuck Tracy |
| b. Central Valley Conservation Objective                         | Dan Viele   |
| c. Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN) Conservation Objective           | Sam Sharr   |
| d. Coho Allocation South of Cape Falcon                          | Sam Sharr   |
| e. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies                       |             |
| f. Public Comment  |             |
| g. <b>Council Action:</b> Identify Amendment Issues and Schedule |             |

PFMC  
02/26/02