

REQUEST FOR MITCHELL ACT PROGRAM AND BUDGET REVIEW AT THE APRIL  
PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING

1. What is the history of the Mitchell Act program budget appropriation's over the past 15 years?
2. What production programs have been reduced or lost in the last 10-year period, because Mitchell Act has generally been flat funded?
3. What new constraints (i.e., mass marking, monitoring and evaluation, and reform measures) have been added to the Mitchell Act program as a result of recent Biological Opinions for Columbia River Hatchery production and for the Federal Columbia River Power System, and how is funding for these actions being addressed?
4. What is the budgeting process that NMFS (i.e., bottom-up, top-down) goes through to present their request in the President's budget?
5. What is the level of funding needed to fully meet the needs of the Mitchell Act Program for the future from a bottom-up budgeting approach?
6. What is the timing for getting fiscal year 2004 budget package built and through the Office of Management and Budget and President's budget development process.

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