

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRIORITIES

Of the eight methodology changes suggested in April for potential review this fall and implementation in 2003, only one will be ready for review by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SCC) this cycle. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has modified the Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) model, used extensively by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) to estimate fishery impacts North of Cape Falcon, to allow analysis of the effects of mark selective fisheries for Chinook salmon. Methodologies employed are similar to those used to analyze selective fisheries for Coho.

The STT recommends the Council make review of this model a high priority if selective fisheries for Chinook are anticipated to occur in 2003 in either Council area or inside waters.

Several methodologies mentioned last spring are still being developed, but will not be available for Council use before 2004. These include direct prediction of Columbia River Chinook ocean abundance, and modifications to the Coho FRAM model necessary for implementation of the 2002 Coho agreement with Canada.

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