

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRIORITIES

Situation: Each year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) completes a methodology review to help assure 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 April 2002 meeting, the Council identified a list of potential subjects for the methodology review. These subjects are identified in a reminder letter sent out to the responsible agencies in July 2002, which requests agencies be prepared to speak to the status of the subjects in terms of completeness and priority (Exhibit D.3.a, Attachment 1). All materials for review are to be received at the Council office at least three weeks prior to the scheduled review meeting of the SSC salmon subcommittee, which is likely to be in mid- to late-October.

Council Action:

1. Determine whether or not it is likely methodologies identified for review will be ready for the SSC salmon subcommittee meeting in October.
2. Set priorities for SSC review of methodologies.

Reference Materials:

1. Email to the agencies from Chuck Tracy dated July 25, 2002 (Exhibit D.3.a, Attachment 1).
2. Scientific and Statistical Committee Comments on Update on Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review (Exhibit D.3.b, Supplemental SSC Report).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. SSC Report
- c. Agency and Tribal Reports and Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Confirm Salmon Methodology Review Priorities

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