

**SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEW PROCESS FOR 2003**

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has reviewed the Scientific and Statistical Committee's list of recommended methodology reviews for 2004 and concurs with the list and its priorities. We do suggest, however, that the following items be amended:

Item number 3, "Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) fisheries for Canadian stocks"

The Coho Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) is developing a regional coho fishery planning model based on coho FRAM. The regional model will include fishery and stock strata, revised input data, and special output reports as required by Canadian fishery managers. To ensure consistency and minimize potential for confusion, both the PSC and Council processes should utilize the same model. The modified version of Coho FRAM must be reviewed if it is to be applied for Council planning processes in 2004.

Item number 4, "Columbia River Fall chinook ocean abundance predictors"

Columbia River Fall chinook preseason forecasts: Current preseason forecasts for Columbia River fall chinook are provided to the STT in terms of terminal run sizes, assuming various ocean exploitation rates. In order to incorporate these forecasts into the chinook FRAM model, they must be converted into ocean abundance forecasts. There has been some preliminary work done on producing ocean abundance forecasts for these stocks. The SSC will review these ocean abundance forecasts when they have been fully developed and documented.

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