

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MODEL EVALUATION WORK GROUP

Situation: At its November 2002 meeting, the Council approved formation of a salmon model evaluation workgroup (MEW) to assist in documentation, validation, and modification of models employed in the salmon management process, and to broaden the exposure of those models to regional agency and tribal personnel. The Council established documentation of the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Models (FRAMs) as the first priority for the MEW, with documentation of the Chinook FRAM to be completed by fall 2003. At its April 2003 meeting, the Council specified the membership of the MEW as one seat each for the following agencies:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Fish and Game
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Marine Fisheries Service

In addition, the Council established seats on the MEW for the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). These seats, however, could be filled by one of the agency positions.

On May 12, Council staff sent out letters to representatives of the above agencies soliciting nominees for the MEW (Attachment 1). The Scientific and Statistical Committee will receive *curriculum vitae* for the nominees for review of qualifications. The Council will confirm membership in the MEW on Friday, June 20 under Agendum H.3, Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums.

The MEW will meet as soon after the June Council meeting as is practical to begin the task of documenting the Chinook FRAM.

Council Task:

- 1. Provide guidance to the MEW and Council staff regarding initial assignments.**

Reference Materials:

1. Letter requesting nominee for the MEW (Exhibit C.3, Attachment 1).

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion and Guidance

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