

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON  
SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW:  
FINAL PRIORITIZATION OF MODELING ISSUES FOR SSC

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) met recently to develop recommendations to the Council on methodology reviews to be performed by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) this fall. Last spring, the Council approved a list of six methodology review items for potential SSC review. Of these six, the STT understands that two are near completion and recommends for review:

1. The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) anticipates the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) 'Overview' document will be in a final draft form by early October. We recommend the Council request the SSC and the STT review the draft document and provide comments back to the MEW.
2. The Coho Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission is modifying the coho FRAM to add fishery and stock strata for Canadian management needs. These modifications should be completed soon and reviewed by the SSC for use in 2004.

In addition, last spring the Council directed the STT to estimate, pre-season, the Individual Stock Based Management (ISBM) indices for selected stocks as defined in the 1999 revised Annexes to the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The STT understands the MEW wishes to present the formulation of the index to the SSC for their information. Computation of the index, while conceptually relatively simple, can be difficult for a number of reasons. The STT requests the SSC and the MEW provide any guidance they can regarding generation of the index in an accurate and timely manner.

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