

SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

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 anticipated methodology 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 in 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.

The methodology the SSC is expected to report on at this time is:

- ! Modification of the Coho Fisheries Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) to accommodate Canadian stocks and fisheries.
- ! Overview of FRAM documentation from the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW).

Council Action:

- 1. Approve methodology changes as appropriate for implementation in the 2004 salmon season.**
- 2. Provide guidance as needed for any unresolved methodology issues.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit E.4.b, Supplemental SSC Report.
2. Exhibit E.4.c, Supplemental MEW Report.
3. Exhibit E.4.d, Supplemental STT Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. SSC Report
- c. MEW Report
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2004

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