

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE

At the March 2004 meeting, the Council received updates on several issues relating to Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) issues, including a report of the Sacramento River Winter and Spring Chinook Workgroup (Workgroup) and selective fishery allocation criteria.

The Council directed the Salmon Technical Team (STT) to review the Workgroup report, as requested by the Workgroup. The STT met in July 2004 and reviewed the Workgroup report; the results of the STT review are presented in Agendum D.3.b, STT Report 1.

The Council also directed the STT to review the process by which the Council has been allocating selective fishery coho quotas north of Cape Falcon for consistency with FMP Chapter 6.5.3.2. The concern was that allocating the overall total allowable catch (TAC) calculated as a landed catch of marked fish was not equivalent to setting the TAC based on non-mark selective fisheries, then allowing each sector or port to utilize impacts in a selective fishery, as required by the FMP. The results of the STT review are presented in Agendum D.3.b, Supplemental STT Report 2.

The Council should expect updates on these and other Salmon FMP issues, including conservation objectives, allocation issues, National Environmental Policy Act requirements, and essential fish habitat updates at the November meeting.

Council Task:

Discuss issues relevant to FMP amendment issues.

Reference Materials:

1. Agendum D.3.b, STT Report 1: STT memo to Sacramento River Winter and Spring Chinook Workgroup.
2. Agendum D.3.b, Supplemental STT Report 2: Selective Coho Fisheries and Allocation in the North of Cape Falcon Salmon Fisheries.

Agenda Order:

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

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