

SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

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.

This year the SSC is expected to report on a review of mark selective chinook fisheries that took place in Washington Areas 5 and 6 during 2003 and 2004.

Council Action:

- 1. Discuss implications of the mark selective fishery review, as appropriate, for implementation in the 2005 salmon season.**
- 2. Provide guidance, as needed, for any unresolved issues.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.2.b, Supplemental SSC Report.
2. Agenda Item D.2.c, Supplemental MEW Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. SSC Report
- c. Model Evaluation Workgroup Report
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2005

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