

Salmon Methodology Review Mark-Selective Fisheries

The Tribes are very concerned about proposals to expand mark-selective fisheries for chinook and the ability of the chinook FRAM to project the impacts of any mark-selective fisheries that are greater in scope than the limited fisheries conducted in Washington Marine Catch Areas 5 and 6 during the past two years. It has not been demonstrated that chinook FRAM can adequately deal with multi-year selective fisheries which are of extended duration and have the potential to significantly impact Puget Sound chinook stocks.

In addition the Tribes are concerned that our ability to make post-season estimates of stock-specific impacts to wild chinook stocks will be jeopardized by any expansion of mark-selective fisheries for chinook. There is currently no agreed upon methodology for estimating those impacts by selective fisheries, which impact multiple ages of a brood year over multiple years.

The Tribes are committed to participating in the technical process required to develop and evaluate the tools needed for these analyses. However, at this time it seems premature to expand selective fisheries beyond the limited ones that have occurred in recent years.

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