

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
IDENTIFICATION OF STOCKS NOT MEETING CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

Mr. Dell Simmons reported to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on salmon stocks not meeting escapement objectives. Three stocks failed to meet conservation objectives in 2004: Klamath fall chinook, Queets River spring/summer chinook and Quillayute spring/summer chinook. The Queets stock also failed to meet its objective in 2003. The Queets and Quillayute stocks are exceptions to the Council's overfishing criteria because estimated harvest in Council fisheries is less than 5%.

This is the first year since 1999 that Klamath fall chinook have failed to meet the escapement floor of 35,000 natural spawners. The SSC notes that the target escapement for 2005 is 35,000 spawners (i.e.; the floor). If the target is the floor there is a 50% chance of failing to achieve the escapement objective for a second consecutive year.

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