

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 documentation of the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model and Columbia River fall chinook abundance forecasts.

Council Action:

- 1. Approve methodology changes as appropriate for implementation in the 2006 salmon season.**
- 2. Provide guidance as needed, for any unresolved issues.**

Reference Materials:

Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental SSC Report.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Salmon Methodology Changes for 2006

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