

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 proposed 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 the following 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.

At its April 2006 meeting, the Council identified a list of potential subjects for the methodology review. Additional topics for review have been suggested in the interim, including Columbia River hatchery coho forecast methodology and updated base period data for Coho FRAM. These subjects are identified in a reminder letter sent out to the responsible agencies in July 2006, which requests agencies be prepared to speak to the status of the subjects in terms of completeness and priority (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1). In addition, a proposal for genetic stock identification data collection is being developed and has been submitted for consideration (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2). All materials for review are to be received at the Council office at least three weeks prior to the scheduled review meeting of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee, which is scheduled for October 10, 2006.

Council Action:

- 1. Determine if methodologies identified for review will be ready for the SSC Salmon Subcommittee meeting in October.**
- 2. Set priorities for SSC review of methodologies.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1: Email to the agencies from Mr. Chuck Tracy dated July 26, 2006.
2. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2: Genetic Stock Identification in Pacific Salmon Fisheries Management.
3. Agenda Item H.1.e, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Report of the Model Evaluation Workgroup
 - c. Agency and Tribal Comments
 - d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
 - e. Public Comment
 - f. **Council Action:** Establish Final Methodology Review Priorities for 2007 Salmon Season
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