

IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND PRELIMINARY DEFINITION OF 2008 SALMON MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

Using the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) management recommendations as a base, the Council should identify the range of management elements in the options for public review (harvest ranges, special restrictions, and basic season structure). The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will attempt to collate the Council's identified management elements into coordinated coastwide options. The collated options will be returned to the Council for review and any further direction on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 followed by STT analysis and final adoption of the options on Friday, March 14, 2008. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1 provides guidance for developing and assessing the options.

Any option considered for adoption that deviates from Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) objectives will require implementation by emergency rule. If an emergency rule appears to be necessary, the Council must clearly identify and justify the need for such an action consistent with emergency criteria established by the Council (Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 2) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 3). Amendment 15 to the Salmon FMP has been submitted for approval, but has not yet been approved; therefore, any proposals resulting in a natural spawning escapement of less than 35,000 adult Klamath River fall Chinook should be considered to require emergency action.

Before defining the options, the Council should be briefed on any pertinent management constraints resulting from: actions by the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC), action by the California Fish and Game Commission to set the allocation of Klamath River fall Chinook for the inside recreational fishery, and National Marine Fisheries Service constraints for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act. The Council may also want to consider recommendations for inseason action to modify fisheries scheduled to open prior to May 1, 2008, as impacts accrued in these fisheries may be subject to provisions in the FMP regarding Overfishing Criteria and they will affect opportunity in summer fisheries.

Council Task:

- 1. Using the SAS proposals and other agency and public input, define basic management elements and alternatives for STT collation into coastwide management options.**
- 2. Consider the need for inseason action to address fisheries opening prior to May 1, 2008.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 1: Guidance for Option Development and Assessment.
2. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 2: Emergency Changes to the Salmon FMP.
3. Agenda Item D.4.a, Attachment 3: FR 97-22094: Policy Guidelines for the Use of Emergency Rules.
4. Agenda Item D.4.g, Public Comment.
5. Agenda Item D.4.c, Supplemental NMFS ESA Guidance Letter.
6. Agenda Item D.4.f, Supplemental SAS Report: SAS Proposed Initial Salmon Management Options for 2008 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Report of the Pacific Salmon Commission Curt Melcher
- c. NMFS Recommendations Frank Lockhart
- d. Tribal Recommendations David Sones
- e. State Recommendations Phil Anderson/Curt Melcher/Maria Vojkovich
- f. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- g. Public Comment
- h. Council Recommendations for Initial Options for STT Collation and Description

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