

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON PACIFIC SALMON
COMMISSION CODED-WIRE-TAG WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) was briefed by Dr. Marianna Alexandersdottir on the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Working Group's recommendations for an action plan to correct deficiencies in data collection and reporting of the Coded Wire Tag (CWT) system and to improve analysis of CWT recovery data.

The SSC endorses the PSC Working Group recommendations for an action plan to improve the CWT program. Strengths of the CWT program include long time series of age and area specific exploitation rate estimates for indicator stocks. The SSC recommends that future improvements to the CWT program should also incorporate development of Genetic Stock Identification (GSI), which has the potential to provide additional information to compliment the CWT program.

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