

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

Dr. Robert Kope indicated that reports will be available for three of the five items previously identified for possible review this fall:

1. Sensitivity analysis of Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Models to major assumptions including sensitivity to parameters related to mark-selective fisheries (this will be a preliminary report).
2. Development of a new stock abundance forecast for Sacramento River fall Chinook.
3. Harvest forecast model for Sacramento River fall Chinook.

Reports will not be available for the other two:

4. September 1 maturity boundary (“birth date”) for Klamath River fall Chinook.
5. Lower Columbia River natural coho Endangered Species Act consultation standard.

While there is still considerable interest in these last two topics, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) understands that the emergent nature of the second and third topics placed those at a higher priority. The SSC looks forward to reviewing the reports on the first three topics at the November meeting. As always, the SSC requires good documentation and ample review time to make efficient use of the SSC Salmon Subcommittee’s time. Materials to be reviewed should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the scheduled review. Agencies should be responsible for ensuring that materials submitted to the SSC are technically sound, comprehensive, clearly documented, and identified by author.

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