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Hi All:

This is just a reminder to agencies and involved individuals that the Council will be establishing priorities for salmon methodology review by the SSC and STT at the September Council meeting. The review itself will be scheduled for early to mid-October.

A list of potential subjects was considered at the April Council meeting (see below), and it will be useful to have updates on the priorities and whether some of the projects are suitably complete for review.

The Council adopted the following priority candidate items that the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) may consider for the 2009 Salmon Methodology Review. Source entities to deliver detailed reports for review are included in parentheses with each candidate item.

1. Assessment of the September 1 maturity boundary assumption for Klamath River fall Chinook. (Salmon Technical Team)
2. Forecasting impact rates in fall fisheries for Klamath River fall Chinook and Sacramento River fall Chinook. (Salmon Technical Team)
3. Evaluation of the Oregon Coastal Natural (OCN) coho abundance predictor. (Oregon Production Index Technical Team)
4. Sensitivity analyses of the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Models (FRAM) to major assumptions, including sensitivity to parameters related to mark-selective fisheries. (Model Evaluation Workgroup)
5. Characterization of bias in the mark-selective Chinook and Coho FRAM. (Salmon Technical Team/Model Evaluation Workgroup)
6. Development of ocean abundance predictors for Columbia River Chinook. (Salmon Technical Team/Model Evaluation Workgroup)

In addition to the above potential methodology changes, the review process will also consider updated stock conservation objectives. There have been indications that updates

were being considered for Puget Sound coho and Oregon coast Chinook. The process will be similar to proposed methodology changes, with write-ups of the proposed objectives, rationale, and scientific basis due to the Council office at least 2 weeks prior to the October review meeting.

Please discuss these projects with appropriate parties and have recommendations ready for the September Council meeting as to whether they will be sufficiently complete in time for the October review meeting.

Thanks.

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