

## SALMON FISHERY UPDATE

Situation: The only ocean salmon fisheries open in November are the California recreational fisheries between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (scheduled to close November 16) and between Point Arena and Pigeon Point (scheduled to close November 9).

A summary of the management events for the 2003 salmon season (updated through October 15) is contained in Attachment 1. Through October 15, there have been four inseason management conferences to adjust fisheries. The first conference closed the commercial troll fishery north of Cape Falcon effective June 6. The second conference allowed fishing seven days per week in the recreational fishery between Cape Falcon and the Queets River effective July 25. The third conference call ended retention of coho in the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. recreational fishery effective August 19. The fourth conference call transferred 5,000 chinook from the recreational fishery north of Cape Falcon to the commercial fishery north of Cape Falcon.

Mr. Dell Simmons, Chair of the Salmon Technical Team (STT), will provide detailed effort and harvest data for salmon fisheries through October 15 in his report to the Council (Exhibit E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report).

### **Council Task:**

#### **1. Discuss issues relevant to inseason management of salmon fisheries.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Exhibit E.1, Attachment 1: Table E.1-1. Sequence of Events in Ocean Salmon Fishery Management through October 15, 2003.
2. Exhibit E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report: Status Report of the 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries off Washington, Oregon, and California.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Salmon Technical Team Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion

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INSEASON CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULED 2004 COMMERCIAL AND  
RECREATIONAL OPENINGS SOUTH OF CAPE FALCON

Situation: The 2003 Federal Regulations for West Coast Salmon Fisheries specify that for the 2004 non-Indian commercial salmon fisheries between Cape Falcon and the Oregon/California border and for the recreational salmon fishery between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mt., the season will open March 15, and the openings could be modified following review at the November 2003 Council meeting. As of the time this exhibit was prepared, Council staff is unaware of any proposals to change the opening date.

**Council Action:**

- 1. If appropriate, recommend modifications to the opening date(s) for Oregon commercial and recreational fisheries south of Cape Falcon.**

Reference Materials:

1. None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
  - b. Agency and Tribal Reports and Comments
  - c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - d. Public Comment
  - e. **Council Action:** Recommend Maintaining or Modifying the March 15, 2004 Opening Date for Commercial and Recreational Fisheries South of Cape Falcon
- Chuck Tracy

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PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULE AND PROCESS FOR  
DEVELOPING 2004 OCEAN SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Nov. 3-7, 2003	The Council and advisory entities meet th the Hilton Del Mar, Del Mar, California to, (1) consider any changes to methodologies used in the development of abundance projections or regulatory options and (2) adopt the management process and schedule for 2004 ocean salmon fisheries.
Jan. 20-23, 2004	The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Council staff economist meet in Portland, Oregon to draft <i>Review of 2003 Ocean Salmon Fisheries</i> . This report summarizes seasons, quotas, harvest, escapement, socioeconomic statistics, achievement of management goals, and impacts on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. (February 6 print date, mailed to the Council February 26, and available to the public March 2.)
Feb. 17-20	STT meets in Portland, Oregon to complete <i>Preseason Report I Stock Abundance Analysis for 2004 Ocean Salmon Fisheries</i> . This report provides key salmon stock abundance estimates and precision, harvest and escapement estimates, when recent regulatory regimes are projected on 2003 abundance, and other pertinent information to aid development of management options. (February 24 print date, mailed to the Council February 26, and available to the public March 2.)
Feb. 26 through March 7	State and tribal agencies hold constituent meetings to review preseason abundance projections and range of probable fishery options. The Klamath Fishery Management Council completes recommendations for ocean management options affecting Klamath River fall chinook.
March 2	Council reports summarizing the 2003 salmon season and salmon stock abundance projections for 2004 are available to the public from the Council office.
March 8-12	Council and advisory entities meet at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Washington to adopt 2004 regulatory options for public review. The Council adopts preliminary options on March 9, tentative options for STT analysis on March 10, and final options for public review on March 12.
March 15 though April 4	Management agencies, tribes, and public develop their final recommendations for the regulatory options. North of Cape Falcon Forum meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 18-19 (Portland area) and April 1-2 (Seattle area). Council staff completes a preliminary draft <i>Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2004 Management Measures for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan</i> .
March 23	Council staff distributes <i>Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2004 Ocean Salmon Fisheries</i> to the public. The report includes the public hearing schedule, comment instructions, option highlights, and tables summarizing the biological and economic impacts of the proposed management options.

- March 29 and 30 Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, Washington (March 29); North Bend, Oregon (March 29); and Eureka, California (March 30). Comments on the options will also be taken during the Council meeting on April 6 in Sacramento, California.
- April 5-9 Council and advisory entities meet to adopt final regulatory measures at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, California. The *Preseason Report II: Analysis of Proposed Regulatory Options for 2004 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*, the preliminary *Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2004 Management Measures for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan*, and information developed at the Council meeting is considered during the course of the week. The Council will tentatively adopt final regulatory measures for analysis by the STT on April 6. Final adoption of recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are scheduled to be completed on April 8.
- April 10-14 The STT completes *Preseason Report III Analysis of Council-Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2004 Ocean Salmon Fisheries*.
- April 15-23 Council staff completes final *Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2004 Management Measures for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Managed under the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan* for submission to NMFS.
- Council staff distributes adopted ocean salmon fishing management recommendations.
- May 1 NMFS implements federal ocean salmon fishing regulations, and *Preseason Report III* is made available to the public.

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## PRESEASON PLANNING FOR 2004 MANAGEMENT

**Situation:** To plan, announce, and meet *Federal Register* deadlines for public hearing sites and the entire preseason salmon management process, staff needs to confirm details of the process prior to the end of November. The proposed 2004 process and schedule is contained in Exhibit E.3, Attachment 1. It follows the same format as in previous years.

For 2004, Council staff recommends one salmon management option hearing per coastal state, the same schedule as in 2003. The hearings would be:

March 29 Westport, Washington and Coos Bay, Oregon  
March 30 Eureka, California

In 2004, the March Council meeting will occur in Tacoma, Washington and the April Council meeting in Sacramento, California. Therefore, the public comment period on Tuesday of the April meeting in Sacramento also serves as a public comment opportunity. If the states desire to have additional hearings, we suggest they organize and staff them as was done in past years. The table below provides the public attendance at the hearing sites since 1995 for Council reference.

Hearing Site Location <sup>1/</sup>	Public Attendance								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Westport</b>	49	30	22	4	18	24	30	11	16
Astoria	28	23	16	-	14	-	-	-	-
Tillamook	-	-	-	28	-	13	16 <sup>2/</sup>	18 <sup>2/</sup>	-
<b>North Bend/Coos Bay</b>	22	30	27	15	31	36	18	40	26
<b>Eureka</b>	30	45	27	16	18	37	12	25	46
Sacramento	16	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Rosa	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Moss Landing <sup>2/</sup>	-	-	-	100	51	50	33	14	-

1/ Sites in bold are proposed for Council staffing in 2004.

2/ Hearing staffed by state personnel.

### **Council Action:**

1. Confirm Council-staffed hearing sites and state intentions for additional hearings.
2. Approve staff's overall proposed schedule and process for developing 2004 ocean salmon management measures (Exhibit E.3, Attachment 1).

References:

1. Exhibit E.3, Attachment 1: Pacific Fishery Management Council Schedule and Process for Developing 2004 Ocean Salmon Fishery Management Measures.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
  - b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Approve 2004 Hearing Sites and Management Schedule
- Chuck Tracy

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## SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

Situation: 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 anticipated methodology 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 in 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.

The methodology the SSC is expected to report on at this time is:

- ! Modification of the Coho Fisheries Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) to accommodate Canadian stocks and fisheries.
- ! Overview of FRAM documentation from the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW).

### Council Action:

- 1. Approve methodology changes as appropriate for implementation in the 2004 salmon season.**
- 2. Provide guidance as needed for any unresolved methodology issues.**

### Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit E.4.b, Supplemental SSC Report.
2. Exhibit E.4.c, Supplemental MEW Report.
3. Exhibit E.4.d, Supplemental STT Report.

### Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. SSC Report
- c. MEW Report
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Methodology Changes for 2004

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TABLE E.1-1. Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management through October 15, 2003<sup>a/</sup> (Page 1 of 5)

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND INSEASON CONFERENCES**

Mar. 7	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provides the Council with a letter outlining the 2003 management guidance for stocks listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
Mar. 14	Council adopts three troll and three recreational ocean salmon fishery management options for public review.
Mar. 20-21	North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Olympia, Washington to initiate consideration of recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Council holds public hearings on proposed 2003 management options in three locations within the three Pacific Coast states.
Apr. 2-3	North of Cape Falcon Salmon Forum meets in Seattle, Washington to further consider recommendations for treaty Indian and non-Indian salmon management options.
Apr. 10	Council adopts final ocean salmon fishery management recommendations for approval and implementation by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The proposed measures include selective fisheries and comply with the salmon fishery management plan (FMP) and the current biological opinions for listed species. An emergency rule is not required for implementation.
May 6	Ocean salmon seasons implemented as recommended by the Council and published in the <i>Federal Register</i> on May 6 (68 FR 23913) and May 19 (FR 68 FR 27004).
June 5	NMFS inseason conference number one results in closure of the U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery effective midnight, June 6, 2003 as the 40,000 chinook quota was approached, and the preseason intent to reserve at least 800 chinook for the June 26-30 opening was in jeopardy.
July 18	NMFS inseason conference number two results in opening of the Cape Falcon to Queets River recreational salmon fishery seven days per week, effective July 25.
Aug. 14	NMFS inseason conference number three results in closure of the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. selective recreational coho fishery effective August 19, 2003 as the quota of 88,000 adipose fin clipped coho was projected to have been met.
Aug. 20	NMFS inseason conference number four results in transfer of 5,000 chinook from the recreational fishery north of Cape Falcon to the commercial fishery north of Cape Falcon, resulting in overall chinook quotas of 54,600 and 69,400 for the recreational and commercial fisheries, respectively.

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS**

Mar. 15	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 16. The fishery reopens August 1 through 19 and September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through June 30. The fishery reopens July 17 through 31; August 11 through 29; and September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through May 31. The fishery is scheduled to reopen June 1 through the earlier of June 30 or a 2,500 chinook quota; reopen again July 1 through the earlier of July 31 or a 1,200 chinook quota, reopen again August 1 through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota, and reopen again September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p>
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TABLE E.1-1. Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management through October 15, 2003<sup>a/</sup> (Page 2 of 5)

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS, (continued)**

May 1	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 30 or a 40,000 chinook quota.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through May 31. The fishery reopens July 3 through 14; and July 18 through September 30.</p> <p>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 30.</p>
May 31	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery is scheduled to reopen June 1 through the earlier of June 30 or a 2,500 chinook quota; reopen again July 1 through the earlier of July 31 or a 1,200 chinook quota, reopen again August 1 through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota, and reopen again September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens July 3 through 14; and July 18 through September 30.</p>
June 1	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of June 30 or a 2,500 chinook quota.</p>
June 20	<p>The U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as the 40,000 chinook quota was approached. The fishery is scheduled to reopen June 26-30 if at least 800 chinook remain on the quota.</p>
June 26	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of June 30 or a 40,000 chinook quota, with a 50 fish per vessel landing limit for the five day open period.</p>
June 30	<p>Florence South Jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens July 17 through 31; August 11 through 29; and September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>The Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as scheduled. The fishery is scheduled to reopen July 1 through the earlier of July 31 or a 1,200 chinook quota, reopen again August 1 through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota, and reopen again September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p>
July 1	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of July 29 or a 1,200 chinook quota.</p>
July 3	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial all-salmon fishery opens through the earlier of September 14 or a 24,400 chinook guideline or a 75,000 coho quota; the fishery is open Thursday through Monday with a 75 chinook landing limit per vessel for July 3 through 7 and a 150 chinook landing limit per vessel for subsequent five-day open periods. All coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 14 with a 150 fish per day per vessel landing limit, and a requirement that all fish must be landed within the area and within 24 hours of any closure.</p>
July 14	<p>Horse Mt. to Point Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens July 18 through September 30.</p>
July 16	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens August 1 through 19 and September 1 through October 31</p>
July 17	<p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., Oregon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through July 31.</p>
July 18	<p>Horse Mt. to Point Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 30 with no special landing limit or area restrictions.</p>

TABLE E.1-1. Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management through October 15, 2003<sup>a/</sup> (Page 3 of 5)

**NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS, (continued)**

July 31	<p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., Oregon, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens August 11 through 29; and September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Scheduled closure of the Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery.</p>
Aug. 1	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through August 19.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California, border non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of August 29 or a 2,500 chinook quota.</p>
Aug. 19	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes. The fishery reopens September 1 through October 31.</p>
Aug. 29	<p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes for two days. The fishery reopens September 1 through October 31.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes as scheduled. The fishery reopens September 1 through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota.</p>
Sep. 1	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through October 31.</p> <p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through October 31.</p> <p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California, border non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through the earlier of September 30 or a 3,000 chinook quota with a 28 inch minimum size limit.</p> <p>Oregon/California border to Humboldt south jetty, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through the earlier of September 30 or a quota of 10,000 chinook.</p>
Sep. 14	<p>U.S./Canada border to Cape Falcon, non-Indian commercial salmon fishery closes as scheduled.</p>
Sep. 30	<p>Humbug Mt. to Oregon/California border, non-Indian commercial fishery closes as scheduled.</p> <p>Oregon/California border to Humboldt south jetty, non-Indian commercial fishery closes as scheduled.</p> <p>Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p> <p>Pt. Arena to U.S./Mexico border, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p>
Oct. 1	<p>Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens Monday to Friday through October 17.</p>
Oct. 17	<p>Pt. Reyes to Pt. San Pedro, non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p>
Oct. 31	<p>Cape Falcon to Florence south jetty non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p> <p>Florence south jetty to Humbug Mt., non-Indian commercial all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.</p>

TABLE E.1-1. Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management through October 15, 2003<sup>a/</sup> (Page 4 of 5)

### TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL TROLL SEASONS

May 1	All-salmon-except-coho fisheries open through the earlier of June 30 or a 30,000 chinook quota for the May through June season (any remainder of the quota is not transferable to the July 1 through September 15 season).
June 30	All-salmon-except-coho fisheries close as scheduled.
July 1	All-salmon fisheries open through the earlier of September 15, a 30,000 chinook quota, or a 90,000 coho quota.
Sep. 15	All-salmon commercial fisheries close.

### RECREATIONAL SEASONS

Feb. 15	Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through November 16.
Mar. 15	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through October 31. The fishery allows retention of adipose fin clipped coho beginning June 21 through the earlier of August 24 or a 88,000 coho quota, then reverts back to all-salmon-except-coho for the remainder of the season.
Mar. 29	Pigeon Pt. to the U.S./Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 28.
Apr. 12	Point Arena to Pigeon Pt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through November 9.
May 17	Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery opens through September 14.
June 21	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon selective coho fishery opens seven days per week through the earlier of August 24 or a quota of 88,000 coho; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. The fishery reopens for all-salmon-except-coho the earlier of August 25 or the attainment of the coho quota, through October 31.
June 22	U.S./Canada border to Cape Alava, all-salmon fishery opens seven days per week through the earlier of September 14, a 3,900 chinook guideline, or a 23,400 coho quota. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook, plus one additional pink salmon; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.  Cape Alava to Queets River, all-salmon fishery opens seven days per week though the earlier of September 8, a 2,300 chinook guideline, or a 5,750 coho quota. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook, plus one additional pink salmon; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.  Queets River to Leadbetter Pt., all-salmon fishery opens though the earlier of September 14, a 40,600 chinook guideline, or a 83,250 coho quota. Fishery runs Sunday to Thursday through July 25, then seven days per week thereafter. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.
June 29	Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon, all-salmon fishery opens though the earlier of September 30, a 12,700 chinook guideline, or a 112,500 coho quota. Fishery runs Sunday to Thursday through July 24, then seven days per week thereafter. Daily-bag-limit is two fish, only one of which can be a chinook; all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip. Closed between Tillamook Head and Cape Falcon beginning August 1.
Aug. 18	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as the 88,000 coho quota is reached.
Aug. 19	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery reopens through October 31.

TABLE E.1-1. Sequence of events in ocean salmon fishery management through October 15, 2003<sup>a/</sup> (Page 5 of 5)

**RECREATIONAL SEASONS, (continued)**

Sep. 8	U.S./Canada border to Cape Alava, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled. Cape Alava to Queets River, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled. Queets River to Leadbetter Point, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled.
Sep. 14	Humbug Mt. to Horse Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Sep. 20	La Push area (Teahwhit Head to "Q" buoy to Cake Rock east to the shoreline), all-salmon selective coho fishery reopens through the earlier of October 5, a 100 chinook guideline, or a 100 coho quota.
Sep. 28	Pigeon Pt. to U.S./Mexico border, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Sep. 30	Scheduled closure of the Leadbetter Pt. to Cape Falcon, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled.
Oct. 5	La Push area, all-salmon selective coho fishery closes as scheduled.
Oct. 31	Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Nov. 9	Pt. Arena to Pigeon Pt., all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.
Nov. 16	Horse Mt. to Pt. Arena, all-salmon-except-coho fishery closes.

a/ Unless stated otherwise, season openings or modifications of restrictions are effective at 0001 hours of the listed date. Closures are effective at midnight.



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Dear Mr. ~~Hansen~~ *Don*:

Based on new information obtained since the September 8-12, 2003 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting, I have decided not to implement the Council's recommendation to increase commercial minor deeper nearshore rockfish trip limits inseason south of 40°10' N. lat. in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. As you'll recall, the Council recommended the increase because commercial landings of minor deeper nearshore rockfish south of 40°10' N. lat. were lower than expected in 2003. Subsequent to the Council meeting, the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) held a meeting in Seattle, WA, October 14-16, 2003. The GMT discussed new information from the Recreational Fisheries Information Network (RecFIN) at that meeting. The RecFIN data showed that landings of minor nearshore rockfish (which includes minor deeper nearshore rockfish<sup>1</sup>) in the recreational fishery south of 40°10' N. lat. during July and August, the first two months open to recreational groundfish fishing, have exceeded the projected recreational landings of minor nearshore rockfish for the remainder of the year. The GMT raised concerns over the accuracy of RecFIN's catch estimates, since the estimates for July and August were substantially higher than in recent years and has requested that the RecFIN program review its estimates reported for the 2003 California recreational fishery.

While landings in the commercial sector south of 40°10' N. lat. continue to remain lower than expected in 2003 (landed catch data through October 10, 2003, indicate that minor deeper nearshore rockfish catch was at 44 percent of the annual target— 21 mt landed out of a 48 mt commercial total catch OY), combined recreational and commercial landings are still estimated to have exceeded the minor nearshore harvest guideline, even if RecFIN estimates are adjusted downward. The state of California intends to close recreational fishing for nearshore rockfish at the beginning of November.

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<sup>1</sup> As you know, minor deeper nearshore rockfish are managed within an overall harvest guideline for minor nearshore rockfish. The minor nearshore rockfish harvest guideline is shared between the commercial and recreational sectors. In addition, the minor nearshore rockfish harvest guideline is included as a subset of the minor rockfish OY. There are two minor rockfish OYs, one for the area north of 40°10' N. lat. and one for the area south of 40°10' N. lat.



In light of this new information, I can no longer concur with the Council's September recommendation to increase minor deeper nearshore rockfish trip limits for the commercial sector (limited entry fixed gear and open access) south of 40°10' N. lat. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will implement all of the groundfish inseason actions recommended at the September Council meeting, except for the recommendation to increase minor deeper nearshore rockfish trip limits. Minor deeper nearshore rockfish limits for limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries south of 40°10' N. lat. will remain as previously scheduled for the remainder of the September through October cumulative limit period at 300 lb per 2 months. During the months of November through December, the limited entry fixed gear and open access minor deeper nearshore rockfish limit south of 40°10' N. lat. will also remain as previously scheduled at 200 lb per 2 months.

In the interim before the November Council meeting in San Diego, CA, NMFS will review any additional information on the nearshore rockfish fishery and may take inseason action to conform with the state of California's closure of the recreational fishery. Any further adjustments to the nearshore rockfish fisheries will need to be discussed in more detail during the agenda item on inseason groundfish management at the upcoming November Council meeting.

Sincerely,

  
 D. Robert Lohn  
Regional Administrator

STATUS REPORT OF THE 2003 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES OFF WASHINGTON, OREGON, and CALIFORNIA.

Preliminary Data Through October 15, 2003.

Fishery and Area	Season Dates	Effort Days fished	CHINOOK			COHO		
			Catch	Quota	Percent	Catch	Quota	Percent
TROLL								
Treaty Indian	5/1-6/30	143	15,657	30,000	52%	Non-Retention		
	7/1-9/15	187	19,017	30,000	63%	10,912	90,000	12%
Non-Indian North of Falcon	5/1-6/30	854	36,789	40,000	92%	Non-Retention		
	6/26-6/30	53	1,048	800		Non-Retention		
Cape Falcon-Florence S. Jetty	7/3-9/14	1,326	32,384	32,400	100%	15,257	75,000	20%
	3/15-7/16	3,282	84,398	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	8/1-8/19	832	25,489	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	9/1-10/31	1,513	47,406	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Florence S. Jetty - Humbug Mt.	3/15-6/30	3,302	95,727	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	7/17-7/31	204	4,673	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	8/11-8/29	558	12,695	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	9/1-10/31	477	11,461	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Humbug Mtn-OR/CA Border	3/15-5/31	54	685	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	6/1-6/30	69	482	2,500	19%	Non-Retention		
	7/1-7/31	109	1,082	1,200	90%	Non-Retention		
	8/1-8/29	107	1,106	2,500	44%	Non-Retention		
	9/1-9/30	84	1,187	3,000	40%	Non-Retention		
OR/CA Border -Humboldt S. Jetty	9/1-9/30	100	2,200	10,000	22%	Non-Retention		
Horse Mtn-Pt. Arena	5/1-5/31	620	31,820	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	7/3-7/14	540	35,640	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	7/18-9/30	2,700	162,520	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Pt.Arena - Pigeon Pt.	5/1-9/30	3,950	195,840	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	10/1-3-6-10,13-17	50	1,410	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Pt. Reyes - Pt. San Pedro								
Pigeon Pt.-US/Mexico Border	5/1-9/30	1,680	30,540	None	NA	Non-Retention		

	Season	Effort	CHINOOK			COHO		
Fishery and Area	Dates	Angler Days	Catch	Quota	Percent	Catch	Quota	Percent
RECREATIONAL								
US/Canada Border-Cape Alava	6/22-9/14	20,533	4,812	3,900	123%	20,102	23,400	86%
Cape Alava-Queets River	6/22-9/14	4,277	1,845	2,300	80%	3,451	5,750	60%
	9/20-10/5	579	148	100	148%	32	100	32%
Queets River-Leadbetter Pt.	6/22-9/14	48,138	21,820	40,600	54%	39,268	83,250	47%
Leadbetter Pt.-Cape Falcon	6/29-9/30	70,405	8,100	7,700	105%	106,411	112,500	95%
Cape Falcon-Humbug Mtn	3/15-10/31	18,392	7,966	None	NA	Non-Retention		
	6/21-8/24	90,191	24,401	None	NA	83,796	88,000	95%
Humbug Mtn-Horse Mtn	5/17-9/14	30,951	13,739	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Horse Mtn-Pt. Arena	2/15-11/16	23,270	15,820	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Pt. Arena-Pigeon Pt.	4/12-11/9	64,230	55,670	None	NA	Non-Retention		
Pigeon Pt.-US/Mexico Border	3/29-9/28	26,390	11,830	None	NA	Non-Retention		

TOTALS TO DATE	Effort			Chinook Catch			Coho Catch		
	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001
<b>TROLL</b>									
Treaty Indian	281	286	540	34,674	35,997	25,406	8,392	8,145	36,769
Washington Non-Treaty	1,666	1,338	764	55,585	53,819	21,229	8,548	180	4,984
Oregon	10,889	9,483	10,125	290,692	231,720	259,449	6,439	1,500	9,367
California	9,640	17,000	13,900	459,970	386,700	193,100	0	0	0
Total Troll	22,476	28,107	25,329	840,921	708,236	499,184	23,379	9,825	51,120
<b>RECREATIONAL</b>									
Washington	124,139	95,200	126,400	34,260	57,821	22,974	139,453	74,134	168,062
Oregon	142,398	94,536	113,530	39,576	45,307	27,104	113,234	36,102	94,342
California	129,990	206,700	162,600	92,150	179,300	97,800	0	0	0
Total Recreational	396,527	396,436	402,530	165,986	282,428	147,878	252,687	110,236	262,404
PFMC Total	NA	NA	NA	1,006,907	990,664	647,062	276,066	120,061	313,524

a/ All non-Treaty coho fisheries are mark selective

b/ Treaty troll effort is reported as landings.

c/ Numbers shown as chinook quotas for non-Indian troll and recreational fisheries North of Falcon are guidelines rather than quotas.

Only the total chinook allowable catch is a quota.

d/ The 800 chinook guideline is included in the 40,000 chinook guideline for the May/June opening.

e/ The 32,400 quota includes the preseason quota of 24,400 plus 3,000 remaining from the May/June opening and 5,000 chinook transferred from the recreational guideline for the Cape Falcon to Leadbetter Point area.

f/ 5,000 chinook from the preseason guideline of 12,700 for the Cape Falcon to Leadbetter Point recreational fishery were transferred to the north of Cape Falcon commercial non-Indian troll fishery, leaving 7,700 in the guideline.

## SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

Mr. Jim Packer and Mr. Larrie LaVoy of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) presented a progress report to a joint meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee and the Salmon Technical Team (STT) on changes to the Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) for the 2004 management season. This meeting was held on October 23, 2003 in Portland.

The Coho FRAM is being changed bilaterally through the Coho Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC), so it can be used by the PSC for its coho abundance-based management agreement with Canada. The changes include a re-definition of some Canadian fishery strata, changes to the stocks representing Canadian production regions, and the addition of new coded-wire tag data and escapement estimates for some Canadian stocks. The use of a common model by the PSC and Council will be important for consistency and to keep the model developers' workload reasonable.

At the time of the meeting on October 23 the changes to the model base period data were still being evaluated and error checked. The model development process puts the Council in a difficult position this year. The model base period data will continue to be modified and reviewed by the Coho Technical Committee of the PSC until mid February. Although the PSC has said they will use abundance-based management for coho in 2004, it is not certain they will approve the modified coho FRAM for use. The Council preseason salmon management process requires that a model be in place by mid-February. This leaves no time for the Council to react to the PSC decision. In effect, for 2004 the Council is bound by the actions of the PSC. The SSC and STT can appraise the Council of changes in modeled impacts that affect Council decisions, but the Council has little choice but to accept the model as adopted by the PSC. In future years a mechanism and time schedule for inter-jurisdictional coordination of model changes needs to be established.

A progress report by the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) was also presented at the meeting. A draft document, "Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) – An Overview for Chinook and Coho," was submitted for review. This document was designed to provide a non-technical overview of the two FRAMs. The level of detail presented in the draft was sufficient for an overview; however, a technical manual that describes in detail the algorithms and methods used in FRAM and its supporting data analysis programs is needed. The SSC recommends the overview document be finalized as quickly as possible and work on the User's Manual and Programmer's Guide started.



# **FISHERY REGULATION ASSESSMENT MODEL (FRAM)**

**- An OVERVIEW for CHINOOK and COHO -**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) is currently used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) to annually estimate impacts of proposed ocean and terminal fisheries on chinook and coho salmon stocks. FRAM is a single season modeling tool with separate processing code for chinook and coho. The chinook version evaluates impacts on most stock groups originating from the south central Oregon coast, Columbia River, Puget Sound and Southern British Columbia. The coho version evaluates impacts on a comprehensive set of stocks originating from Central California to Southeast Alaska representing total West Coast production. The FRAM produces a variety of output reports that are used to examine impacts for compliance with management objectives, allocation arrangements, ESA compliance, and domestic and international legal obligations. Until recently FRAM was not used for assessing compliance with chinook or coho agreements in international fisheries management forums. However, the U.S. and Canada have agreed to develop a bilateral regional coho planning tool. FRAM will be used for development of the first version of the regional model. The intent is to have a single common tool that can support both domestic and international fishery planning processes using a common set of data and assumptions.

### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

The need for salmon fishery assessment tools at the stock specific level became a necessity beginning in the mid-1970's with treaty fishery rights litigation and the associated legal obligation for the states of Washington and Oregon to provide treaty tribes with the opportunity to harvest specific shares of individual runs. Other legal issues such as the Magnuson Fishery Conservation Management Act and the Law of the Seas convention contributed to the need for developing better assessment tools. These legal issues in conjunction with the information available from the coast wide coded wire tag (CWT) program provided the impetus for developing the early salmon fishery assessment models.

In the late 1970s, the Washington Department of Fisheries (WDF) and U.S. National Bureau of Standards (NBS) developed a model for evaluating alternative fishery regulatory packages. The WDF/NBS Model could be configured for either chinook or coho by using different input data files. This model was coded in FORTRAN and ran on a mainframe computer at the University of Washington. Model runs were usually processed over night and results were painstakingly extracted from large volumes of printed output reports. The WDF/NBS model was not extensively employed by the PFMC because it proved costly to operate and its results were difficult to obtain in a timely manner. Morishima and Henry (2000) provide a more indepth history of Pacific Northwest salmon management and fishery modeling.

In the early 1980s, the development of personal computers permitted the WDF/NBS model to be converted into simple spreadsheet models. The first spreadsheet model for chinook used by the PFMC was developed in the mid 1980s to model Columbia River

“tule” fall chinook. The Coho Assessment Model (CAM) was the corresponding spreadsheet model for coho and covered stocks from the Columbia River, Puget Sound, and Washington and Oregon coastal areas. This transformation improved accessibility to the model during PFMC preseason planning processes. The Coho Assessment Model (CAM) was revised over time, principally to improve report generation capabilities and provide more detailed information on management of terminal area fisheries through the use of Terminal Area Management Modules (TAMMs). The CAM was used as the primary model for evaluating coho impacts for PFMC fisheries until the mid 1990s.

Increasing demands for information soon outstripped the capacity of these spreadsheet models to evaluate the fishery regimes under consideration by the PFMC. In the mid 1990s, CAM was programmed in QUICK BASIC and was renamed FRAM. The recognition that common algorithms underlie both the coho and chinook spreadsheet models led to the effort to develop the QUICK BASIC version of FRAM for both species. The FRAM code could be used to evaluate fishery regimes for either chinook or coho by using different input file configurations. In 1998, FRAM was converted to VISUAL BASIC to take advantage of improved user interfaces available through the MS WINDOWS operating system. A multi-agency Model Evaluation Subgroup periodically reviewed model performance and parameter estimation methods and coordinated revisions to model capabilities during this period (1998-2000).

In 2002, Canada and the United States reached an agreement through the PSC process to manage coho salmon using abundance-based criteria to protect weak stocks. The stocks of concern to the PSC are from Washington and southern British Columbia but fishery impacts on those stocks occur from Oregon to Southeast Alaska. Beginning in 2004, the Coho FRAM will be used to evaluate fishing regimes for consistency with the new agreement

## **2. MODEL OVERVIEW**

The FRAM is a discrete, time-oriented, age-structured, deterministic computer model intended to measure the impacts from a variety of regulation mechanisms for a single management year. It predicts point estimates for fishery impacts by stock, for specific time periods and age classes. The FRAM performs bookkeeping functions to track the progress of individual stock groups as the fisheries in each time step exploit them. Individual stock groups are exploited as a single pool; that is, in each time step all pre-terminal fisheries operate on the entire cohort and all terminal fisheries operate on the mature run.

## 2.1 STOCKS

Currently, 33 stock groups are represented in Chinook FRAM and 128 stock groups are represented in Coho FRAM (see Appendices 1 and 2 for lists of the stocks). Each of these groups have both marked and unmarked components to permit assessment of mark-selective fishery regulations. For most wild stocks and hatchery stocks without marking or tagging programs, the cohort size of the marked component is zero and therefore the current version of FRAM has a virtual total of 256 stock groups for coho and 66 for chinook. Stocks or stock-aggregates represented in the FRAM were chosen based on the level of management interest, the contribution rate to PFMC fisheries, and the availability of representative CWT recoveries in the fisheries.

## 2.2 FISHERIES

The FRAM includes preterminal and terminal fisheries in southeast Alaska, Canada, Puget Sound, and off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. There are 73 fisheries in Chinook FRAM and 206 fisheries in Coho FRAM. The intent is to encompass all fishery impacts to modeled chinook and coho stocks in order to account for all fishing-related impacts and thereby improve model accuracy. Terminal fisheries in Chinook FRAM are aggregations of gears and management areas. Terminal fisheries in Coho FRAM are modeled with finer resolution, most notably by including individual freshwater fisheries. Fishery number and fishery name for each of the FRAM fisheries are listed in Appendix 3 for chinook and Appendix 4 for coho.

## 2.3 TIME STEPS

The time step structure used in FRAM represents a compromise level of resolution that corresponds to fishery management planning and species-specific migration and maturation schedules.

The FRAM consists of four time periods for chinook and five periods for coho (Table 2-1). At each time step a cohort is subjected to natural mortality, preterminal fisheries, maturation (chinook only), and terminal fisheries.

**Table 2-1. FRAM Time Steps for Coho and Chinook.**

Coho		Chinook	
Period	Months	Period	Months
Time 1	January-June	Time 1	Preceding October-April
Time 2	July	Time 2	May-June
Time 3	August	Time 3	July-September
Time 4	September	Time 4	October-April
Time 5	October - December		

The recovery data available in the CWT database limit the time-step resolution of the model. Increasing the time-step resolution of the model usually decreases the number of CWT recoveries for a stock within a time period. Since estimation of fishery impacts, like exploitation rates, is dependent on CWT recovery information, decreasing the number of CWT recoveries in time/area strata increases the variance of the estimated exploitation rates in those strata. In recognition of these data limitations, efforts were made to restrict the level of time-step resolution to that necessary for fishery management purposes.

## 2.4 ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Major assumptions and limitations of the model are described briefly below.

1. CWT fish accurately represent the modeled stock: Many “model” stocks are aggregates of stocks that are represented by CWTs from only one component. For example, in many cases, wild stocks are aggregated with hatchery stocks, and both are represented by the hatchery stock’s CWT data. Therefore, for each modeled stock-aggregate, it is assumed that the CWT accurately depicts the exploitation and distribution of the untagged fish represented within that model stock.
2. Length at age of chinook is stock specific and is constant from year to year. Growth functions are used for chinook in determining the proportion of the age class that is legal size in size-limit fisheries. Parameters for the growth curves were estimated from data collected over a number of years. It is assumed that growth in the year to be modeled is similar to that in the years used to estimate the parameters.
3. Stock distribution and migration is constant from year to year and estimated as the average distribution in the base period data. We currently lack data on the annual variability in distribution and migration patterns of chinook and coho salmon stocks. In the absence of such estimates, fishery specific exploitation rates are computed relative to the entire cohort. Changes in the distribution and migration of stocks from the base period will result in poor estimates of stock composition and stock-specific exploitation rates.
4. Single encounters with gear. Within each time-area-fishery strata, fish are assumed to be vulnerable to the gear only once. The catch equations used in the model are discrete not instantaneous. Potential bias in the estimates may increase with large selective fisheries or longer time intervals, both of which increase the likelihood that fish will encounter the gear more than once.

While it is difficult to directly test the validity of these assumptions, results of validation exercises provide one assessment of how well these assumptions are met and/or the sensitivity of the model to the assumptions. Very poor model performance, for example,



could indicate that one or more of these assumptions has been violated or that the model structure is flawed.

### **3. BASE PERIOD DATA**

The Chinook FRAM is calibrated using escapement, catch, and CWT recovery data from 1974-79 brood year CWT releases. During the late 1970's and early 1980's, fisheries were being conducted across an extensive geographic area over an extended period of time, thus giving the best available representation of CWT stock distribution. Not all stocks represented in the Chinook FRAM have CWT recovery data available from the 1974-79 brood year base period (e.g., Snake River fall chinook). These stocks are categorized as "Out of Base" stocks. Available CWT data for these stocks are translated to equivalent base period recovery and escapement data using known fishing effort and harvest relationships between recovery years.

Model base period data for the Coho FRAM is derived from fishery and escapement recoveries of CWTs and terminal area run size estimates for the years 1986-1991.

Chinook and coho base period data are used to estimate base period stock abundances, stock age specific time-area-fishery exploitation rates and maturation rates. These estimates are derived through species-specific cohort analysis procedures. Cohort analysis is a series of steps and processes that uses CWT recoveries and base period catch and escapement data to "back-calculate" or reconstruct a pre-fishing cohort size for each stock and age group using assumed natural mortality and incidental mortality rates

### **4. GENERAL INPUT TYPES**

The five general types of input values used by FRAM are:

1. Cohort Abundance. For each stock or stock aggregate, an annual estimate of abundance is obtained from a source that is independent of the model. For preseason simulation modeling, these forecasts of stock abundance are used to estimate initial cohort size. For chinook, initial stock abundance estimates are segregated by age class, from age- 2 to age-5-year old fish. For coho, only one age class is assumed vulnerable to fisheries and forecast (January age 3). Chinook and coho abundance estimates are further segregated by mark status ("marked" or "unmarked").
2. Size Limits. For chinook, minimum size limits are specified by fishery where appropriate. For coho, age-3 fish are assumed fully vulnerable and age-2 fish are assumed fully invulnerable to modeled fisheries.
3. Fishery Catch Mortality: The model provides five options for estimating mortality in a fishery: a quota, an exploitation rate scalar, a ceiling, "selective", and harvest rate (for Puget Sound terminal fisheries only).

- a) Quota. Catch in the fishery is set equal to a value input by the user.
  - b) Exploitation rate scalar. The exploitation rate in the fishery is scaled, relative to the base period, using a scalar input by the user.
  - c) Ceiling. Catch is first calculated based on an exploitation rate scalar and then compared to a ceiling; if the estimated catch exceeds the ceiling, then the catch is truncated at the ceiling value.
  - d) Selective. Identified as either a quota or exploitation rate scalar controlled fishery with additional calculations to cover catches and encounters between marked and unmarked groups.
  - e) Harvest rate. A terminal area harvest rate is applied to the number of all fish present in the terminal area or to the number of local origin stock only.
4. **Release Mortality**. This is the mortality associated with the release of landed fish from hook-and-line and other gears. Release mortality rates assumed for coho are shown in Table 3-2a, and for Chinook in Table 3-2b. Hook-and-release mortality is assessed when coho or chinook are not allowed to be retained (so-called “chinook/coho nonretention”, or CNR fisheries), when size limits apply, and to account for the voluntary release of otherwise retainable fish. Release mortality has been estimated in a number of studies of hook-and-line fisheries, and release mortality rates for ocean troll and recreational fisheries have been formally adopted by the PFMFC. Release mortality in net fisheries for chinook or coho nonretention is estimated external to FRAM and input into the model as either “landed catch” or as CNR mortality.

Two other types of release mortality are computed in the case of a selective fishery: Unmarked Recognition Error (or Retention Error Rate) is the probability that an unmarked fish will be retained inappropriately in a selective fishery (e.g. fisher fails to identify mark, fisher fails to comply with release requirement). Marked Recognition Error is the probability that a marked fish will be inadvertently released. These rates are identified in Table 3-1.

5. **Other Non-landed Mortality**. This category includes mortality not associated with direct handling (or landing) of the fish (see Table 3-2a for Coho and Table, 3-2b for Chinook). Application is for sport and troll hook-and-line ‘drop-off’ (fish that drop off from the hook before they are brought to vessel but die from hook injuries), and net gear ‘drop-out’ (fish which are not brought on board but die, from injury, as a result of being netted). Except for freshwater sport fisheries for chinook where there is no drop off mortality assigned, a 5% mortality rate is applied to the landed catch to account for “other non-landed mortality” in hook-and-line fisheries. Similarly there is no drop out mortality assigned in chinook freshwater net fisheries; coho freshwater net drop out mortality is 2% of landed catch. Marine Net drop out mortality rates in marine fisheries vary depending on species, net type, or terminal vs. preterminal nature of the fishery.

**Table 3-1. Mark Selective Fishery Input Values.**

<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Mark Release Rate (% of marked released)</b>	<b>Unmark Retention Rate (% of unmarked retained)</b>
NOF troll, sport	6%	2%
SOF sport	6%	2%
Area 5,6 sport—2001 coho	34%	2%
Area 5,6 sport—2002 coho	38%	2%
Area 5,6 sport—2003 coho	38%	2%
Area 5,6 sport—2003 chin	6%	8%
Area 7 sport—2001 coho	6%	5%
Area 7 sport—2002 coho	9%	8%
Area 7 sport—2003 coho	9%	8%
Area 13 sport—2002 coho	18%	27%
Area 13 sport—2003 coho	18%	27%
Other PS marine sport	9%	8%

**Table 3-2-a coho. Fishery related FRAM/TAMM Mortality Rates Applied to Southern U.S. Fisheries in 2003.**

<b>Fishery, As Designated by: Area, User Group, and/or Gear Type</b>	<b>Fishery Type</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Release Mortality</b>	<b>"Other": "Dropout", and "Drop-off" <sup>1</sup></b>
PFMC Ocean Recreational	MSF	barbless	14.0%	5.0%
	Non-Retention		none assessed	none assessed
PFMC Ocean T-Troll	Retention		n.a.	5.0%
PFMC Ocean NT-Troll	MSF	barbless	26.0%	5.0%
Area 5, 6C Troll	Retention		n.a.	5.0%
Puget Sound Recreational	Retention		n.a.	5.0%
	MSF	barbless	7.0%	5.0%
WA Coastal Recreational	Retention		n.a.	5.0%
Buoy 10 Recreational	MSF	barbed	16.0%	5.0%
Gillnet and Setnet			n.a.	2.0%
PS Purse Seine			26.0%	0.0%
PS Reef Net, Beach Seine, Round Haul			none assessed	none assessed
Freshwater Net			n.a.	2.0%
Freshwater Recreational	Retention		n.a.	5.0%
	Non-Retention		10.0%	5.0%

1) The "other" mortality rates are applied to landed fish (retention fisheries), thus FRAM does not assess "drop-off" in non-retention fisheries. For mark selective fisheries (MSF) "other" mortality rates are applied to encounters of marked and unmarked fish.

**Table 3-2-b chinook. Fishery related FRAM/TAMM Mortality Rates applied to Southern U.S. Fisheries in 2003.**

Fishery, As Designated by: Area, User Group, and/or Gear Type	Fishery Type	Comments	"Shaker" Release Mortality	"Adult" Release Mortality	"Other": “Dropout”, and "Drop-off” <sup>1</sup>
PFMC Ocean Recreational	Retention	N Port Orford	14.0%	n.a.	5.0%
	Retention	S Port Orford	23.0%	n.a.	5.0%
PFMC Ocean Troll	Retention	barbless	25.5%	n.a.	5.0%
Area 5,6,7 T-Troll	Retention	barbed	30.0%	n.a.	5.0%
Puget Sound Recreational	Retention	barbless	20.0%	n.a.	5.0%
	MSF	barbless	20.0%	10.0%	5.0%
	Non-Retention	barbless	20.0%	10.0%	none assessed
Buoy 10 Recreational	not modeled within FRAM		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Commercial Net					
PS Areas 4B,5,6,6C	Preterm. GN & SN		n.a.	n.a.	3.0%
WA Coastal & Col R. Net	Preterm. GN & SN		n.a.	n.a.	3.0%
PS Areas 6A,7,7A	Preterm. GN, SN, & PS		n.a.	n.a.	1.0%
NT PS Areas: 6B,9,12,12B,12C	Preterm. GN, SN, & PS		n.a.	n.a.	1.0%
T PS Areas:7B,7C,7D	Preterm. GN, SN, & PS		n.a.	n.a.	1.0%
All other PS marine net	Term. GN & SN		n.a.	n.a.	2.0%
PS Purse Seine	Chinook (imm.)		n.a.	45.0%	0.0%
	Chinook (mat.)		n.a.	33.0%	0.0%
PS Reef Net, Beach Seine, Round Haul			none assessed	none assessed	none assessed
Freshwater Net			n.a.	n.a.	none assessed
Freshwater Recreational	Retention		n.a.	n.a.	none assessed
	MSF	TAMM	n.a.	10.0%	none assessed
	Non-Retention	TAMM	n.a.	10.0%	none assessed

1) The "other" mortality rates are applied to landed fish (retention fisheries), thus FRAM does not assess "drop-off" in non-retention fisheries. For mark selective fisheries (MSF) "other" mortality rates are applied to encounters of marked and unmarked fish.

## 5. OUTPUT REPORTS AND MODEL USE

Model results are available as either standard FRAM printed output reports or in EXCEL spreadsheets that are linked to FRAM results/reports. These spreadsheets provide comprehensive summaries of fishery mortality, exploitation rate, run size, and escapement for key stocks in PFMC and North of Falcon annual salmon season setting processes. Early versions of these spreadsheets focused on finer resolution of stocks and fisheries in Puget Sound terminal areas in the TAMM. The TAMM spreadsheets have now broadened in scope and contain information for both pre-terminal and terminal fisheries as well as FRAM fishery inputs for terminal fisheries in coastal Washington (coho) and in Puget Sound (both species). Other model results not shown in the spreadsheets can be generated directly from FRAM. These reports include summaries of catch by fishery, catch by stock, catch by age, and escapement/run size reports. A new report has been created for FRAM to provide more detailed information relative to mark-selective fisheries for chinook and coho. For a full scope of FRAM report generating functions, refer to “Users Manual for the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) for Chinook and Coho” (MEW *in prep.*).

## 6. COMPUTATIONAL STRUCTURE

For each time step and fishery strata, FRAM simulates fishery regulations using the sequence of computations depicted for coho (Figure 1) and chinook (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Coho model flow chart.

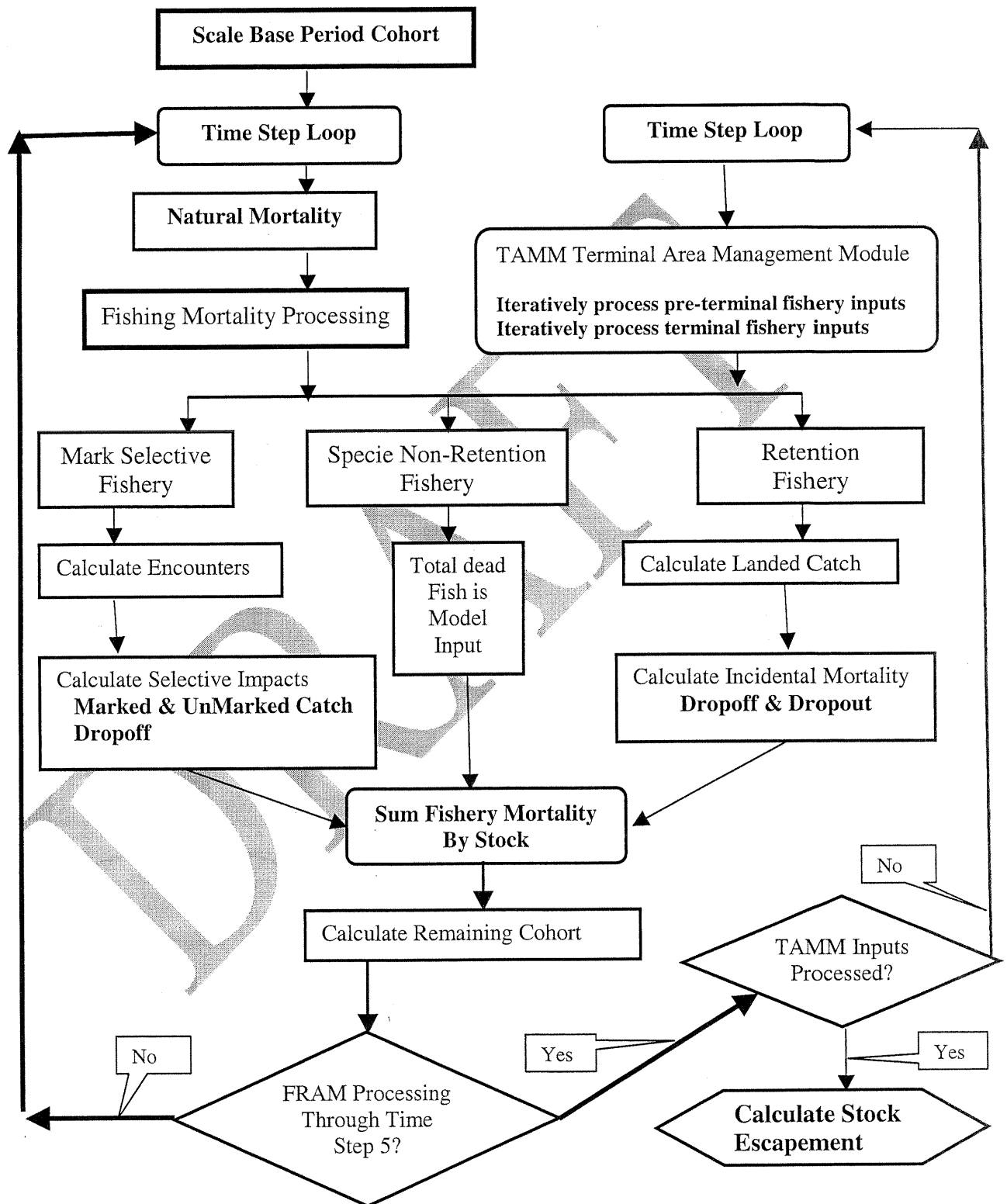
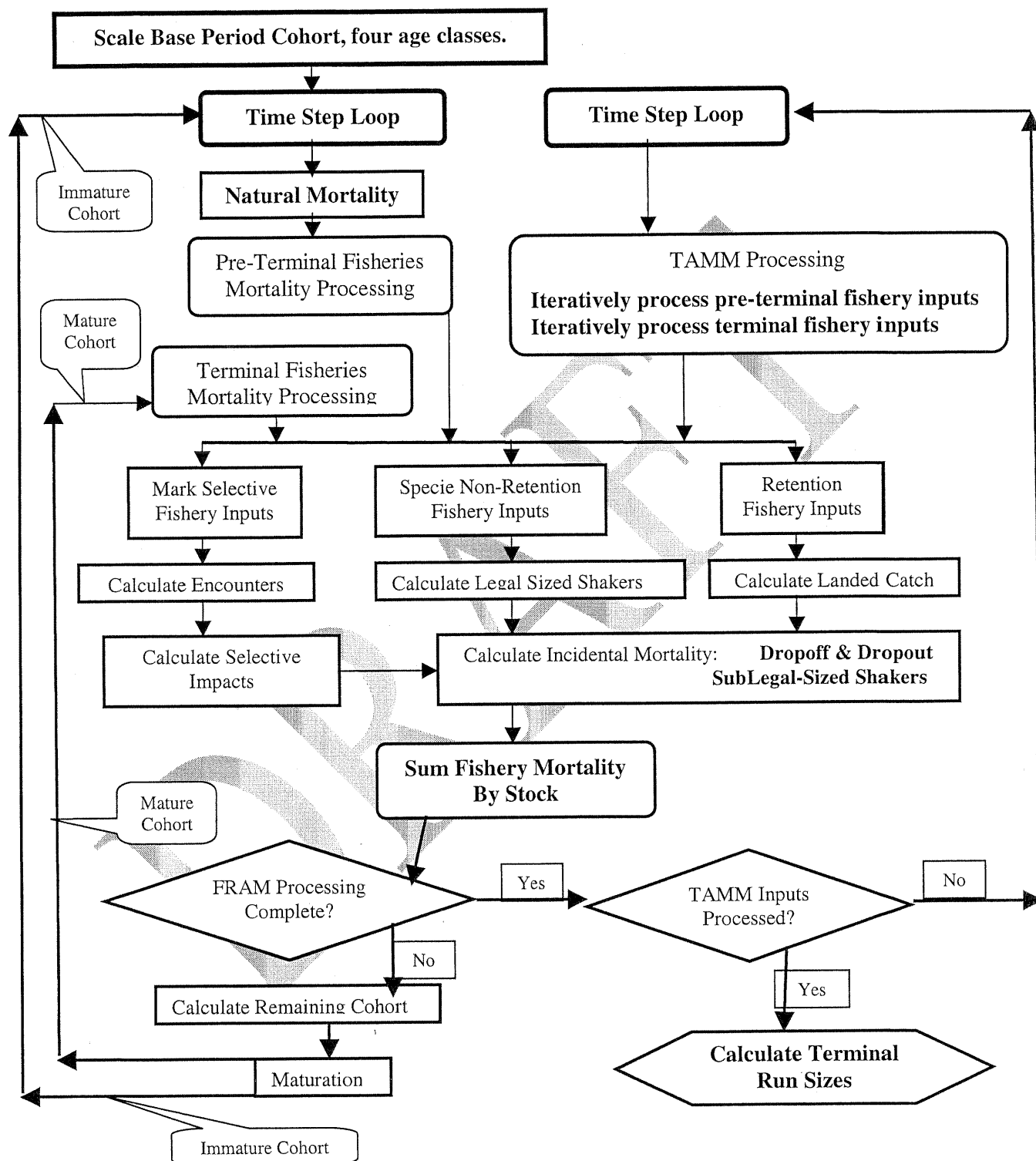


Figure 2. Chinook model flow chart.





## 6.1 CATCH

The FRAM simulates fisheries through the use of linear equations. Different types of computations are used, depending upon whether or not a fishery operates under mark-retention restrictions. If all fish can be retained regardless of mark status, the following general formula is used (Mark Selective Fisheries are described in Section 6.3):

$$Catch_{s,a,f,t} = BPER_{s,a,f,t} * Cohort_{s,a,t} * PV_{s,a,t} * FishScalar_{f,t} * SHRS_{s,f,t}$$

Where:

Catch <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Catch for stock <i>s</i> , age <i>a</i> , in fishery <i>f</i> , at time step <i>t</i>
BPER <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Base Period Exploitation Rate (Harvest Rate for Terminal Fisheries) for stock <i>s</i> , age <i>a</i> , in fishery <i>f</i> , at time step <i>t</i> . The BPER is derived from cohort analysis using CWT release and recovery data for 1979-1982.
Cohort <sub>s,t</sub>	Number of fish in cohort (for PreTerminal Fisheries; Terminal Run Size for Terminal Fisheries) for stock <i>s</i> in time step <i>t</i>
PV <sub>s,a,t</sub>	Proportion of Cohort for stock <i>s</i> , age <i>a</i> , vulnerable to the gear at time step <i>t</i> . For chinook PV is a function of a Von Bertalanffy growth curve; for coho PV is always = 1.0
FishScalar <sub>f,t</sub>	Impact scalar for fishery <i>f</i> at time step <i>t</i> relative to the base period
SHRS <sub>s,f,t</sub>	Stock specific Exploitation Rate Scalar for stock <i>s</i> , in fishery <i>f</i> , at time step <i>t</i> . The default value of 1.0 is rarely changed.

The parameter FishScalar<sub>f,t</sub> is the foundation for the model's fishery simulation algorithms. FRAM can evaluate two general types of fisheries: (1) effort-based or (2) catch-based. For effort-based fisheries, the parameter FishScalar<sub>f,t</sub> is specified by the modeler to reflect expected effort relative to that observed during the model's base period. For catch-based fisheries, FishScalar<sub>f,t</sub> is computed automatically so as to attain a specified catch level. If the catch level is to be modeled as a quota, then FishScalar<sub>f,t</sub> is computed as:

$$FishScalar_{f,t} = \frac{QuotaLevel_{f,t}}{\sum_s \sum_a Catch_{s,a,f,t}}$$

If the catch level is to be modeled as a ceiling, both an effort scalar and quota are specified. The FishScalar<sub>f,t</sub> is computed in the same manner for the quota catch level, but has a maximum value based on the ceiling. Up to the ceiling level, the expected catches are based on the effort scalar.

## 6.2 INCIDENTAL MORTALITY

Several types of incidental mortality can be covered in FRAM either via external calculations of mortality or thru internal FRAM processing. Incidental mortality associated with hook-and-line dropoff and net dropout is expressed as a fraction of retained catch or as a fraction of encounters in the case of mark selective fisheries. Incidental mortality in mark selective fisheries is discussed in the next section.

Mortalities in species non-retention fisheries (CNR) are derived using four different methods for chinook and one for coho. Chinook non-retention mortalities are model estimates from inputs of: the level of open vs. non-retention effort within each time step (Method 1 & 2), legal and sub-legal encounters (Method 3), or from total encounters (Method 4). The method for coho is simply an external-to-the-model estimate of coho mortalities in a fishery based on historical observations. The methods were developed to fit the observations from various fisheries. The Method 1 was developed for Canadian and Alaskan fisheries that had both open and non-retention regulation periods and had changes in the gear or fishing patterns to avoid chinook encounters.

### METHOD 1 – Computed Mortalities

$$CNRLegal_{s,a,f,t} = Catch_{s,a,f,t} * \frac{1 - FishScalar_{f,t}}{FishScalar_{f,t}} * RelRate_f * LegalSelRate_{f,t}$$
$$CNRSUB_{s,a,f,t} = TotCatch_{f,t} * \frac{1 - FishScalar_{f,t}}{FishScalar_{f,t}} * RelRate_f * SubSelRate_{f,t} * PropSubPop_{s,a,f,t}$$

### METHOD 2 – Ratio of Non-Retention to Retention Days

$$CNRLegal_{s,a,f,t} = Catch_{s,a,f,t} * (CNRDays_{f,t} / RetentDays_{f,t}) * RelRate_f * LegalSelRate_{f,t}$$
$$CNRSUB_{s,a,f,t} = Shakers_{s,a,f,t} * (CNRDays_{f,t} / RetentDays_{f,t}) * RelRate_f * SubSelRate_{f,t}$$

### METHOD 3 – External Estimates of Legal and Sub-Legal Sized Encounters

$$LegalPropCatch_{s,a,f,t} = Catch_{s,a,f,t} / TotCatch_{f,t}$$
$$SubLegNR_{s,a,f,t} = SubLegPop_{s,a,t} * SubER_{s,a,f,t} * RelRate_{f,t}$$
$$SubLegPropEnc_{s,a,f,t} = SubLegNR_{s,a,f,t} / \sum_s \sum_a SubLegNR_{s,a,f,t}$$
$$CNRLegal_{s,a,f,t} = LegalPropCatch_{s,a,f,t} * LegalEnc_{f,t} * RelRate_f * PropModelStock_f$$
$$CNRSUB_{s,a,f,t} = SubLegPropEnc_{s,a,f,t} * SubLegEnc_{f,t} * RelRate_f * PropModelStock_f$$

#### METHOD 4 – External Estimate of Total Encounters

$$LegalPropCatch_{s,a,f,t} = Catch_{s,a,f,t} / TotCatch_{f,t}$$

$$LegalEnc_{s,a,f,t} = BPER_{s,a,f,t} * Cohort_{s,t} * PV_{s,a,t} * SHRS_{s,f,t}$$

$$SubLegEnc_{s,a,f,t} = SubER_{s,a,f,t} * SubLegPop_{s,a,t}$$

$$CNRScalar_{f,t} = TotalEstCNR_{f,t} / \left( \sum_s \sum_a LegalEnc_{s,a,f,t} + \sum_s \sum_a SubLegEnc_{s,a,f,t} \right)$$

$$CNRLegal_{s,a,f,t} = LegalEnc_{s,a,f,t} * CNRScalar_{f,t}$$

$$CNRSub_{s,a,f,t} = SubLegEnc_{s,a,f,t} * CNRScalar_{f,t}$$

#### METHOD 5 – Coho Non-Retention Mortalities from External Estimates

$$PropCatch_{s,a,f,t} = BPER_{s,a,f,t} * Cohort_{s,t} * SHRS_{s,f,t} / TotCatch_{f,t}$$

$$CNR_{s,a,f,t} = EstCNRMorts_{f,t} * PropCatch_{s,a,f,t}$$

Where:

$CNR_{Legal,s,a,f,t}$	Legal Sized Adult Non-Retention Mortality for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$CNR_{Sub,s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Sized Non-Retention Mortality for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$Catch_{s,a,f,t}$	Catch for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$FishScalar_{f,t,a}$	Impact scalar for fishery $f$ at time step $t$ relative to the base period
$RelRate_f$	Release Mortality Rate for Sub-Legal sized fish in fishery $f$
$LegalSelRate_f$	Legal Sized Adult Selectivity Rate for fishery $f$ , in response to changes in gear or fishing pattern.
$SubSelRate_f$	Sub-Legal Sized Selectivity Rate for fishery $f$ , in response to changes in gear or fishing pattern.
$PropSubPop_{s,a,f,t}$	Proportion of Sub-Legal Sized Population for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$TotCatch_{f,t}$	Total Landed Catch in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$CNRDays_{f,t}$	Number of Non-Retention Days in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$RetentDays_{f,t}$	Number of Retention Days in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$Shakers_{s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Shaker Mortality for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$LegalPropCatch_{s,a,f,t}$	Proportion of Legal Sized Catch for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$SubLegNR_{s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Sized Non-Retention for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$SubLegPop_{s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Sized Population for stock $s$ , age $a$ , at time step $t$
$SubER_{s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Sized Encounter Rate for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$SubLegPropEnc_{s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Sized Proportion of Encounters for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$LegalEnc_{s,a,f,t}$	Legal Sized Encounters for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$PropModelStock_f$	Proportion of Model Stocks to Total Catch in fishery $f$
$SubLegEnc_{s,a,f,t}$	Sub-Legal Sized Encounters for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$CNRScalar_{f,t}$	Non-Retention Scalar in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$TotalEstCNR_{f,t}$	Total Estimated Non-Retention (legal and sub-legal) in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$PropCatch_{s,a,f,t}$	Proportion of Coho Catch for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$EstCNRMorts_{f,t}$	Estimated Coho Non-Retention Mortalities in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$
$CNR_{s,a,f,t}$	Coho Non-Retention Mortality for stock $s$ , age $a$ , in fishery $f$ , at time step $t$

Sub-legal shaker mortality is not estimated for coho since most minimum size limits- if they exist - apply to age 2 fish that are not represented in the model. The calculations for sub-legal sized chinook (shakers) are shown below. The sub-legal and legal size encounters are stock and age specific and are calculated using Von Bertalanffy growth curves generated from CWT data.

$$SubLegProp_{s,a,t} = 1 - PV_{s,a,t}$$

$$SubLegPop_{s,a,t} = Cohort_{s,a,t} * SubLegProp_{s,a,t}$$

$$Shakers_{s,a,f,t} = SubER_{s,a,f,t} * SubLegPop_{s,t} * FishScalar_{f,t} * RelRate_f$$

Where:

Shakers <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Sub-Legal Shaker Mortality for stock <i>s</i> , age <i>a</i> , in fishery <i>f</i> , at time step <i>t</i>
SubER <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Base Period Sub-Legal Encounter Rate for stock <i>s</i> , age <i>a</i> , in fishery <i>f</i> , at time step <i>t</i> . The SubER is derived from fishery observations.
Cohort <sub>s,t</sub>	Number of fish in cohort (for PreTerminal Fisheries; Terminal Run Size for Terminal Fisheries) for stock <i>s</i> at time step <i>t</i> .
1-PV <sub>s,a,t</sub>	Proportion of Cohort for stock <i>s</i> , age <i>a</i> , vulnerable to the gear at time step <i>t</i> . For chinook PV is function of Von Bertalanffy growth curve; for coho , PV is always = 1.
RelRate <sub>f</sub>	Release Mortality Rate for Sub-Legal sized fish in fishery <i>f</i>

### 6.3 MARK-SELECTIVE FISHERIES

The implementation of mark-selective fishery regulations requires the use of more complex computations. Different equations are employed for marked and unmarked fish. The forms of equations utilized in Chinook FRAM under non-selective and mark-selective fisheries are depicted in the following table. Computations for chinook mark-selective fisheries must account for sub-legal mortality, which does not differ between marked and unmarked components. The counterpart equations for coho would not contain the elements associated with sub-legal mortality.

	Non-Selective	Mark-Selective Fisheries	
	Discrete Equations	Marked Fish	UnMarked Fish
Landed mortalities	$C_f = ER_f N_\bullet$	$C_f = ER_f * N_\bullet * (1 - mre)$	$C_f = ER_f * N_\bullet * ure$
Release mortalities	$R_f = C_f * srr$	$R_f = ER_f * N_\bullet * mre * rm$	$R_f = ER_f * N_\bullet * (1 - ure) * rm$
Drop-off mortalities	$D_f = C_f * dmr$	$D_f = ER_f * N_\bullet * dmr$	$D_f = ER_f * N_\bullet * dmr$

Where:

- $C_f$  = number of landed mortalities in fishery  $f$
- $D_f$  = drop off mortalities
- $dmr$  = drop off mortality rate
- $ER_f$  = exploitation rate in fishery  $f$ . (This parameter is equivalent to  $BPER * PV * SHRS$  in the previously described formulation.)
- $mre$  = marked retention error (releasing marked fish in a selective fishery)
- $N_\bullet$  = cohort size at beginning of time period
- $R_f$  = number of release mortalities in fishery  $f$
- $srr$  = release rate of sub-legal sized fish
- $rm$  = release mortality rate
- $ure$  = unmarked recognition error (retaining and landing unmarked fish in a selective fishery)

### 6.4 OTHER ALGORITHMS

The FRAM uses several other algorithms to estimate various biological processes during the catch calculation routine. These include scaling cohort sizes by stock and age, natural mortality, maturation, and escapement. The base period initial starting cohort size is multiplied by the current year stock scalar by age ( $StockScalar_{s,a}$ ) to estimate the starting cohort sizes for all stocks. Within a time step, the cohort sizes are first decreased to account for natural mortality. The natural mortality rates are species and age specific. The maturation process occurs after the pre-terminal catch has been calculated and results in a mature cohort for each stock, age, and time step. All fisheries in FRAM are

designated as pre-terminal or terminal in the base period data. The terminal fisheries only harvest fish from the mature cohort thus simulating a migration pattern from the pre-terminal mixed stock areas. Escapement is defined as any fish from the mature cohort that does not die from fishery-related mortality. In the current versions of the chinook and coho base periods all maturation and escapement of a stock occurs within a single time step. The only exceptions are Skagit stocks of spring and summer/fall chinook and Columbia River summer chinook.

The algorithms to calculate the parameters for “Adult Equivalency” and “Model Stock Proportions” are used primarily for reporting purposes. The Adult Equivalency (AEQ) is used to discount catch and exploitation rates for younger age classes so that they can be added together. The AEQ values are expressed in terms of the expected contribution to the age-5, time step 3 fish, which is the oldest age-class at the final time step. The AEQ value for this maximum-age/final-time-step is 1.0 and all other age/time-step values are a proportion of this value. The calculation algorithm takes into account the maturation and natural mortality rates. The Model Stock Proportion is the proportion of the total catch in a fishery/time-step that is accounted for by the model stocks. This value is only calculated for Chinook. The coho cohort analysis used to create the model base period exploitation rates include estimates for all production regions.

The sequence of computations and equations are as follows:

**1) Scale Cohort for Current Year**

$$Cohort_{s,a,1} = BPCohort_{s,a} * StockScalar_{s,a}$$

**2) Natural Mortality (See Appendix 5 for assumed rates for Chinook and Coho)**

$$Cohort_{s,a,t} = Cohort_{s,a,t-1} * (1 - NatMortRate_{a,t})$$

**3) Maturation (chinook only)**

$$TermCohort_{s,a,t} = Cohort_{s,a,t} * MatRate_{s,a,t}$$

**4) Escapement (chinook only)**

$$TotTermMort_{s,a,t} = \sum_{f-term} (Catch_{s,a,f,t} + Shakers_{s,a,f,t} + Dropoff_{s,a,f,t} + LegalShakers_{s,a,f,t} + CNR_{s,a,f,t})$$

$$Escape_{s,a,t} = TermCohort_{s,a,t} - TotTermMort_{s,a,t}$$

**5) Adult Equivalency (chinook only)**

$$AEQ_{s,a,t} = [MatRate_{s,a,t} + (1 - MatRate_{s,a,t}) * (1 - NatMortRate_{s,a,t})] * AEQ_{s,a,t+1}$$

$$AEQ_{s,a,t} = 1 \quad \text{for } a=5 \text{ and } t=3 \text{ (Max-Age, Final Time Step)}$$

## 6) Proportion Model Stocks (chinook only)

$$PropModelStock_{f,t} = \sum_s \sum_a \sum_f \sum_t Catch_{s,a,f,t} / TotalCatch_{f,t}$$

## 7) Exploitation Rate

$$ER_{s,a,f,t} = \frac{(Catch_{s,a,f,t} + Shakers_{s,a,f,t} + LegalShakers_{s,a,f,t} + Dropoff_{s,a,f,t})}{(Catch_{s,a,f,t} + Shakers_{s,a,f,t} + LegalShakers_{s,a,f,t} + Dropoff_{s,a,f,t} + Escape_{s,a,t})}$$

Where:

Cohort <sub>s,a,1</sub>	Starting Cohort for stock s, age a, at time step 1
BPCohort <sub>s,a</sub>	Base Period Starting Cohort stock s, age a
StockScalar <sub>s,a</sub>	Pre-Season forecast scalar for stock s, age a
NatMortRate <sub>a,t</sub>	Natural Mortality Rate age a, at time step t
TermCohort <sub>s,a,t</sub>	Mature Cohort for stock s, age a, at time step t
MatRate <sub>s,a,t</sub>	Maturation Rate for stock s, age a, at time step t
TotTermMort <sub>s,a,t</sub>	Terminal Fishery Total Mortality for stock s, age a, at time step t
Escape <sub>s,a,t</sub>	Escapement for stock s, age a, at time step t
Catch <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Catch for stock s, age a, in fishery f, at time step t
Shakers <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Sub-Legal Mortality for stock s, age a, in fishery f, at time step t
Dropoff <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Non-Landed Mortality for stock s, age a, in fishery f, at time step t
LegalShakers <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Legal-Sized Mortality for stock s, age a, in fishery f, at time step t
CNR <sub>s,a,f,t</sub>	Non-Retention Mortality for stock s, age a, in fishery f, at time step t
TotalCatch <sub>f,t</sub>	Total Catch of all stocks in fishery f, at time step t
PropModelStock <sub>f,t</sub>	Proportion of Model Stocks Catch to TotalCatch in fishery f, at time step t



## 7. TERMINAL AREA MANAGEMENT MODULE (TAMM)

The FRAM program interacts with two species-specific (chinook and coho) spreadsheet programs that allow users to specify terminal fishery impacts on a finer level of resolution. The spreadsheet program, TAMM, began with separate sections for each of the six Puget Sound terminal areas (Table 7-1) that are defined in the management plan for the State of Washington and the Treaty Tribes of Puget Sound. This structure has supported development of unique regional management goals, and allows managers the flexibility to analyze and report FRAM model output according to their needs. The chinook TAMM contains the original Puget Sound sections, while the coho TAMM has been expanded to allow report generation for many non-Puget Sound stock groups.

**Table 7-1. Puget Sound Terminal Management Regions.**

Nooksack-Samish	Skagit
Stillaguamish-Snohomish	South Sound
Hood Canal	Strait of Juan de Fuca

Historically, managers used TAMMs to analyze fishery impacts on individual population components of the larger FRAM stock groupings. The relatively new 1986-1991 coho base period now includes individual Puget Sound populations (61 stocks) at the management level of resolution. Similarly, the expanded Puget Sound coho fisheries are comprehensive; thus coho TAMM now serves more as a recipient of FRAM output for customized report generation. In contrast, chinook TAMM remains a critical element of pre-season Puget Sound modeling, as many populations of management focus need to be “extracted” from the aggregated FRAM stock groupings. Abundance levels of every Puget Sound chinook hatchery and natural population are entered into the TAMM, as are harvest impacts from all Puget Sound fisheries, to allow fishery specific impact analyses on all the populations of interest.

The current chinook base period data (as in the older versions of the coho base period) aggregates terminal area fisheries for FRAM modeling at a higher level than used for management. Typically FRAM has no individual area freshwater terminal sport fisheries, nor freshwater net fisheries. The chinook TAMM provides the ability to model the individual Puget Sound marine and freshwater net fisheries by smaller date increments associated with fisheries directed at chinook, pink, coho, chum or steelhead. In addition, test fisheries and fisheries in sub-area can be specified. Similarly, the ability to model individual Puget Sound freshwater sport fisheries is also provided. The appropriate chinook TAMM fishery impacts are summed into the terminal fishery definitions used by FRAM to calculate the FRAM fishery scalar inputs.

The TAMM fishery inputs, in addition to a fixed catch, allow for two fishery control mechanisms that are not used by FRAM. The control mechanisms (harvest rates) are percent of terminal area abundance (TAA) and percent of extreme terminal run size (ETRS). Each terminal area has specific rules for calculation of the TAA and ETRS values. Basically the TAA rules include the escapement of all local area stocks and terminal catch of all stocks. The ETRS rules include escapement and only the terminal

catch of the local area stocks, but an associated non-local stock catch is also calculated as base period proportion of total fishery catch. The derivation of these rules comes from the definitions used in the annual terminal run reconstruction for each of the species. Run reconstruction estimates are used in the calculation of modeling inputs for terminal area fishery impacts under the TAA and ETRS methods. The same run reconstructions may be used to develop in-season run size update models.

The TAA and ETRS methods create a problem for estimating the FRAM fishery scalars because the run size in each terminal region is dependent on the impacts from all the other regions. For example, a decrease in Skagit terminal fisheries results in higher escapement for Nooksack and higher TAA and ETRS values. The fishery impacts in Nooksack terminal fisheries would then be calculated higher which lowers the original Skagit TAA and ETRS values.

An iterative process was developed to solve the problem of simultaneous equations between the terminal areas. The FRAM program reruns the terminal fishery time steps until the difference between the TMM specified expected fishery impacts and FRAM estimates (calculated from base period exploitation rates) are within  $\pm 0.1\%$  of the expected value or the difference is less than one fish. On each iteration the FRAM fishery scalars are adjusted by the proportion of the expected value divided by the FRAM estimate for each terminal fishery.

As already discussed, the current FRAM coho base period data has much finer resolution of the terminal area fisheries than does the chinook base period. This is a result of the coho run reconstruction program RRTERM fishery definitions that were used to develop this coho base period data. The coho TMM fishery definitions are the same as the FRAM terminal fisheries and thus allow direct input for effort base fishery scalars and quota values. An iterative process is still needed for the TAA and ETRS abundance based methods.

The TMM spreadsheets are used to create most of the output reports needed by fishery managers during the negotiation processes. This functionality was preserved in the current TMM spreadsheets to ensure continuity and familiarity with the older versions of the program and to divide the duties and responsibilities for input and error checking during the intense management sessions.

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## APPENDICES

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### Appendix 1. Chinook FRAM Stocks.

Unmarked Stock #	Stock Name	Abbreviated Name	CWT Broods Included*
1	Nooksack-Samish summer/fall	NkSm FIFi	77,79
3	North Fork Nooksack early (spring)	NFNK Sprg	OOB - 84,88 (N. Fk.)
5	South Fork Nooksack early (spring)	SFNK Sprg	OOB - 84,88 (N. Fk.)
7	Skagit summer/fall fingerling	Skag FIFi	76,77
9	Skagit summer/fall yearling	Skag FIYr	76
11	Skagit spring yearling	Skag SpYr	OOB - 85, 86, 87,90
13	Snohomish summer/fall fingerling	Snoh FIFi	OOB - 86, 87, 88
15	Snohomish summer/fall yearling	Snoh FIYr	76
17	Stillaguamish summer/fall fingerling	Stil FIFi	OOB - 86, 87, 88,89,90
19	Tulalip summer/fall fingerling	Tula FIFi	OOB - 86, 87, 88
21	Mid S. Puget Sound fall fingerling	USPS FIFi	78,79
23	UW Accelerated fall fingerling	UW-A FIFi	77-79
25	Deep S. Puget Sound fall fingerling	DSPS FIFi	78,79
27	South Puget Sound fall yearling	SPSo FIYr	78,79
29	White River spring fingerling	Whte SpFi	OOB - 91-93
31	Hood Canal fall fingerling	HdCl FIFi	78,79
33	Hood Canal fall yearling	HdCl FIYr	78,79
35	Juan de Fuca Tribs. fall fingerling	SJDF FIFi	78,79
37	Oregon Lower Columbia River Hatchery	Oregn LRH	78,79
39	Wash. Lower Columbia River Hatchery	Washn LRH	77,79
41	Lower Columbia River Wild	Low CR Wi	77-78
43	Bonneville Pool Hatchery tule	BP H Tule	76-79
45	Columbia Upriver summer	Upp CR Su	76,77
47	Columbia Upriver bright	Col R Brt	75-77
49	Washington Lower River spring	WaLR Sprg	77
51	Willamette spring	Will Sprg	76-78
53	Snake River fall	SnakeR Fl	OOB - 84, 85, 86
55	Oregon North Migrating fall	Ore No Fl	76-78
57	WCVI Total	WCVI Totl	74-77
59	Fraser Late	Fraser Lt	OOB - 81,82,83
61	Fraser Early	Fraser Er	78,79; OOB -, 86
63	Lower Georgia Strait fall	Lwr Geo St	77,78
65	White River spring yearling	Whte SpYr	OOB - 91-93

\*OOB = Out of Base

## Appendix 2. Coho FRAM Stocks.

Production Region	Unmarked Stock #	FRAM abbrev.	Coho Stock Name	Production Region	Unmarked Stock #	FRAM abbrev.	Coho Stock Name
NOOKSM	1	nkskrw	Nooksack River Wild	SJDPCA	107	dungew	Dungeness River Wild
NOOKSM	3	kendlh	Kendall Creek Hatchery	SJDPCA	109	dungeh	Dungeness Hatchery
NOOKSM	5	skokmh	Skookum Creek Hatchery	SJDPCA	111	elwhaw	Elwha River Wild
NOOKSM	7	lumpdh	Lummi Ponds Hatchery	SJDPCA	113	elwhah	Elwha Hatchery
NOOKSM	9	bhambh	Bellingham Bay Net Pens	SJDPCA	115	ejdfmw	East JDF Miscellaneous Wild
NOOKSM	11	samshw	Samish River Wild	SJDPCA	117	wjdfmw	West JDF Misc. Wild
NOOKSM	13	Ar77aw	Area 7/7A Independent Wild	SJDPCA	119	ptangh	Port Angeles Net Pens
NOOKSM	15	whatch	Whatcom Creek Hatchery	SJDPCA	121	area9w	Area 9 Miscellaneous Wild
SKAGIT	17	skagtw	Skagit River Wild	MAKAHC	123	makahw	Makah Coastal Wild
SKAGIT	19	skagth	Skagit River Hatchery	MAKAHC	125	makahh	Makah Coastal Hatchery
SKAGIT	21	skgbkh	Baker (Skagit) Hatchery	QUILUT	127	quilsw	Quillayute R Summer Natural
SKAGIT	23	skgbkw	Baker (Skagit) Wild	QUILUT	129	quilsh	Quillayute R Summer Hatchery
SKAGIT	25	swinch	Swinomish Channel Hatchery	QUILUT	131	quilfw	Quillayute River Fall Natural
SKAGIT	27	oakbh	Oak Harbor Net Pens	QUILUT	133	quifh	Quillayute River Fall Hatchery
STILSN	29	stillw	Stillaguamish River Wild	HOHRIV	135	hohrvw	Hoh River Wild
STILSN	31	stillh	Stillaguamish River Hatchery	HOHRIV	137	hohrvh	Hoh River Hatchery
STILSN	33	tuliph	Tulalip Hatchery	QUEETS	139	quetfw	Queets River Fall Natural
STILSN	35	snohow	Snohomish River Wild	QUEETS	141	quetfh	Queets River Fall Hatchery
STILSN	37	snohoh	Snohomish River Hatchery	QUEETS	141	quetfh	Queets River Fall Hatchery
STILSN	39	ar8anh	Area 8A Net Pens	QUEETS	143	quetph	Queets R Supplemental Hat.
HOODCL	41	ptgamh	Port Gamble Net Pens	QUINLT	145	quinfw	Quinault River Fall Natural
HOODCL	43	ptgamw	Port Gamble Bay Wild	QUINLT	147	quinfh	Quinault River Fall Hatchery
HOODCL	45	ar12bw	Area 12/12B Wild	GRAYHB	149	chehlw	Chehalis River Wild
HOODCL	47	qlcnh	Quilcene Hatchery	GRAYHB	151	chehlh	Chehalis River (Bingham) Hat.
HOODCL	49	qlcenbh	Quilcene Bay Net Pens	GRAYHB	153	humptw	Humptulips River Wild
HOODCL	51	ar12aw	Area 12A Wild	GRAYHB	155	humpth	Humptulips River Hatchery
HOODCL	53	hoodsh	Hoodsport Hatchery	GRAYHB	157	gryhmw	Grays Harbor Misc. Wild
HOODCL	55	ar12dw	Area 12C/12D Wild	GRAYHB	159	gryhbh	Grays Harbor Net Pens
HOODCL	57	gadamh	George Adams Hatchery	WILLAPA	161	willaw	Willapa Bay Natural
HOODCL	59	skokrw	Skokomish River Wild	WILLAPA	163	willah	Willapa Bay Hatchery
SPGSND	61	ar13bw	Area 13B Misc. Wild	COLRIV	165	colreh	Columbia River Early Hatchery
SPGSND	63	deschw	Deschutes R. (WA) Wild	COLRIV	167	youngh	Youngs Bay Hatchery
SPGSND	65	ssdnph	South Puget Sound Net Pens	COLRIV	169	sandew	Sandy Early Wild
SPGSND	67	nisqlh	Nisqually River Hatchery	COLRIV	171	clakew	Clakamas Early Wild
SPGSND	69	nisqlw	Nisqually River Wild	COLRIV	173	claklw	Clakamas Late Wild
SPGSND	71	foxish	Fox Island Net Pens	COLRIV	175	colrlh	Columbia River Late Hatchery
SPGSND	73	mintch	Minter Creek Hatchery	OREGON	177	orenoh	Oregon North Coastal Hatchery
SPGSND	75	ar13mw	Area 13 Miscellaneous Wild	OREGON	179	orenaw	Oregon North Coastal Wild
SPGSND	77	chambh	Chambers Creek Hatchery	OREGON	181	orenmh	Oregon No. Mid Coastal Hatch
SPGSND	79	ar13mh	Area 13 Misc. Hatchery	OREGON	183	orenmw	Oregon No. Mid Coastal Wild
SPGSND	81	ar13aw	Area 13A Misc. Wild	OREGON	185	oresmh	Oregon So. Mid Coastal Hatch
SPGSND	83	puyalh	Puyallup River Hatchery	OREGON	187	oresmw	Oregon So. Mid Coastal Wild
SPGSND	85	puyalw	Puyallup River Wild	OREGON	189	oranah	Oregon Anadromous Hatchery
SPGSND	87	are11h	Area 11 Hatchery	OREGON	191	oraqah	Oregon Aqua-Foods Hatchery
SPGSND	89	ar11mw	Area 11 Miscellaneous Wild	ORECAL	193	oresoh	Oregon South Coastal Hatchery
SPGSND	91	ar10eh	Area 10E Hatchery	ORECAL	195	oresow	Oregon South Coastal Wild
SPGSND	93	ar10ew	Area 10E Misc. Wild	ORECAL	197	calnoh	California North Coastal Hatch
SPGSND	95	greenh	Green River Hatchery	ORECAL	199	calnow	California North Coastal Wild
SPGSND	97	greenw	Green River Wild	ORECAL	201	calcnh	California Central Coastal Hat.
SPGSND	99	lakwah	Lake Washington Hatchery	ORECAL	203	calcnw	California Central Coastal Wild
SPGSND	101	lakwaw	Lake Washington Wild	GSMLND	205	gsmndh	Georgia Strait Mainland Hatch
SPGSND	103	are10h	Area 10 H inc. Ebay, SeaAq NP	GSMLND	207	gsmndw	Georgia Strait Mainland Wild
SPGSND	105	ar10mw	Area 10 Miscellaneous Wild	GSVNCI	209	gsveh	Georgia Strait Vanc. Hatch

## Appendix 2. Coho FRAM Stocks (cont.)

Production Region	Unmarked Stock #	FRAM abbrev.	Coho Stock Name	Production Region	Unmarked Stock #	FRAM abbrev.	Coho Stock Name
GSVNCI	211	gsvcw	Georgia Strait Vanc. IslWild	THOMPR	235	thompw	Thompson River Wild
JNSTRT	213	Jnstrh	Johnstone Strait Hatchery	BCCNTL	237	bccnhw	BC Central Coast Hatch/Wild
JNSTRT	215	Jnstrw	Johnstone Strait Wild	BCNCST	239	bcnchw	BC North Coast Hatchery/Wild
SWVNCI	217	Swvcih	SW Vancouver Island Hatch	QUEENC	241	quenhw	Queen Charlotte Is Hatch/Wild
SWVNCI	219	Swvcw	SW Vancouver Island Wild	NASSRV	243	nasshw	Nass River Hatchery/Wild
NWVNCI	221	nwvcih	NW Vancouver Island Hatchery	SKEENA	245	skeehw	Skeena River Hatchery/Wild
NWVNCI	223	nwvcw	NW Vancouver Island Wild	TRANAC	247	tranhw	Trans Boundary Hatchery/Wild
FRSLOW	225	frslwh	Lower Fraser River Hatchery	NIASKA	249	niakhw	Alaska No. Inside Hatch/Wild
FRSLOW	227	frslww	Lower Fraser River Wild	NOASKA	251	noakhw	Alaska No. Outside Hatch/Wild
FRSUPP	229	frsuph	Upper Fraser River Hatchery	SIASKA	253	siakhw	Alaska So. Inside Hatch/Wild
FRSUPP	231	frsupw	Upper Fraser River Wild	SOASKA	255	soakhw	Alaska So. Outside Hatch/Wild
THOMPR	233	thomph	Thompson River Hatchery				



### Appendix 3. Chinook FRAM Fisheries

#	Fishery Name	#	Fishery Name
1	Southeast Alaska Troll	26	NT Columbia River Troll (Area 1)
2	Southeast Alaska Net	27	Columbia River Sport (Area 1)
3	Southeast Alaska Sport	28	Columbia River Net
4	North/Central British Columbia Net	29	Buoy 10 Sport
5	WCVI Net	30	Orford Reef-Cape Falcon Troll (Central
6	Strait of Georgia Net	31	Orford Reef-Cape Falcon Sport (Central
7	Canada Juan de Fuca Net (Area 20)	32	Horse Mountain-Orford Reef Troll
8	North/Central British Columbia Sport	33	Horse Mountain-Orford Reef Sport
9	North/Central British Columbia Troll	34	Southern California Troll
10	WCVI Troll	35	Southern California Sport
11	WCVI Sport	36	Area 7 Sport
12	Strait of Georgia Troll	37	NT San Juan Net (Area 6A,7,7A)
13	North Strait of Georgia Sport	38	T San Juan Net (Area 6A,7,7A)
14	South Strait of Georgia Sport	39	NT Nooksack-Samish Net
15	BC Juan de Fuca Sport	40	T Nooksack-Samish Net
16	NT Cape Flattery-Quillayute Troll (Area 3-4)	41	T Juan de Fuca Troll (Area 5,6,7)
17	T Cape Flattery-Quillayute Troll (Area 3-4)	42	Area 5/6 Sport
18	Cape Flattery-Quillayute Sport (Area 3-4)	43	NT Juan de Fuca Net (Area 4B,5,6,6C)
19	Cape Flattery-Quillayute Net (Area 3-4)	44	T Juan de Fuca Net (Area 4B,5,6,6C)
20	NT Grays Harbor Troll (Area 2)	45	Area 8 Sport <sup>1</sup>
21	T Grays Harbor Troll (Area 2)	46	NT Skagit Net (Area 8)
22	Grays Harbor Sport (Area 2)	47	T Skagit Net (Area 8)
23	NT Grays Harbor Net	48	Area 8D Sport
24	T Grays Harbor Net	49	NT Stilly-Snohomish Net (Area 8A)
25	Willapa Net	50	T Stilly-Snohomish Net (Area 8A)

### Appendix 3. Chinook FRAM Fisheries (cont.).

#	Fishery Name	#	Fishery Name
51	NT Tulalip Bay Net (Area 8D)	63	T Area 10E Net
52	T Tulalip Bay Net (Area 8D)	64	Area 12 Sport
53	Area 9 Sport	65	NT Hood Canal Net (Area 12,12B,12C)
54	NT Area 6B/9 Net	66	T Hood Canal Net (Area 12,12B,12C)
55	T Area 6B/9 Net	67	Area 13 Sport
56	Area 10 Sport	68	NT Deep S. Puget Sound Net (13,13D-K)
57	Area 11 Sport	69	T Deep S. Puget Sound Net (13,13D-K)
58	NT Area 10/11 Net	70	NT Area 13A Net
59	T Area 10/11 Net	71	T Area 13A Net
60	NT Area 10A Net	72	Freshwater Sport
61	T Area 10A Net	73	Freshwater Net <sup>2</sup>
62	NT Area 10E Net		
Notes: * (T = Treaty; NT = Nontreaty) 1 Sport areas 8-1 and 8-2 were combined and input into Fishery 45. 2 In Puget Sound, fishery 73 combines ... Area 11A with Puyallup River; Areas 9A, 12A, 12D with Hood Canal; Area 13C with Chambers Creek.			

#### Appendix 4. Coho FRAM Fisheries.

Fishery Abbrev.	Fish Num.	Coho FRAM Fishery Longname	Fishery Abbrev.	Fish Num.	Coho FRAM Fishery Longname
No Cal Trm	1	North California Coast Terminal Catch	Area3TrlNT	38	Area 3 Troll Nontreaty (LaPush)
Cn Cal Trm	2	Central California Coast Term Catch	Area3TrlTR	39	Area 3 Troll Treaty (LaPush)
Ft Brg Spt	3	Fort Bragg Sport	Area 3 Spt	40	Area 3 Sport (LaPush)
Ft Brg Trl	4	Fort Bragg Troll	Area 4 Spt	41	Area 4 Sport (Neah Bay)
Ca KMZ Spt	5	KMZ Sport (Klamath Management Zone)	A4/4BTrlNT	42	Area 4/4B (Neah Bay PFMC Regs) Troll NotTreaty
Ca KMZ Trl	6	KMZ Troll (Klamath Management Zone)	A4/4BTrlTR	43	Area 4/4B (Neah Bay PFMC Regs) Troll Treaty
So Cal Spt	7	Southern California Sport	A 5-6C Trl	44	Area 5, 6, 6C Troll (Strait of Juan de Fuca)
So Cal Trl	8	Southern California Troll	Willapa Spt	45	Willapa Bay (Area 2.1) Sport
So Ore Trm	9	South Oregon Coast Terminal Catch	Wlp Tb Spt	46	Willapa Tributary Sport
Or Prv Trm	10	Oregon Private Hatchery Terminal Catch	WlpBT Net	47	Willapa Bay & FW Trib Net
SMi Or Trm	11	South-Mid Oregon Coast Terminal Catch	GryHbr Spt	48	Grays Harbor (Area 2.2) Sport
NMi Or Trm	12	North-Mid Oregon Coast Terminal Catch	SGryHb Spt	49	South Grays Harbor Sport (Westport Boat Basin)
No Ore Trm	13	North Oregon Coast Terminal Catch	GryHbr Net	50	Grays Harbor Estuary Net
Or Cst Trm	14	Mid-North Oregon Coast Terminal Catch	Hump R Spt	51	Humptulips River Sport
Brkngs Spt	15	Brookings Sport	LwCheh Net	52	Lower Chehalis River Net
Brkngs Trl	16	Brookings Troll	Hump R C&S	53	Humptulips River Ceremonial & Subsistence
Newprt Spt	17	Newport Sport	Chehal Spt	54	Chehalis River Sport
Newprt Trl	18	Newport Troll	Hump R Net	55	Humptulips River Net
Coos B Spt	19	Coos Bay Sport	UpCheh Net	56	Upper Chehalis River Net
Coos B Trl	20	Coos Bay Troll	Chehal C&S	57	Chehalis River Ceremonial & Subsistence
Tillmk Spt	21	Tillamook Sport	Wynoch Spt	58	Wynoch River Sport
Tillmk Trl	22	Tillamook Troll	Hoquam Spt	59	Hoquiam River Sport
Buoy10 Spt	23	Buoy 10 Sport (Columbia River Estuary)	Wishkh Spt	60	Wishkah River Sport
L ColR Spt	24	Lower Columbia River Mainstem Sport	Satsop Spt	61	Satsop River Sport
L ColR Net	25	Lower Columbia River Net (Excl Youngs Bay)	Quin R Spt	62	Quinalt River Sport
Yngs B Net	26	Youngs Bay Net	Quin R Net	63	Quinalt River Net
LCROrT Spt	27	Below Bonneville Ore. Tributary Sport	Quin R C&S	64	Quinalt River Ceremonial & Subsistence
Clackm Spt	28	Clackamas River Sport	Queets Spt	65	Queets River Sport
SandyR Spt	29	Sandy River Sport	Clrwr Spt	66	Clearwater River Sport
LCRWaT Spt	30	Below Bonneville Washington Tributary Sport	Salm R Spt	67	Salmon River (Queets) Sport
UpColR Spt	31	Above Bonneville Sport	Queets Net	68	Queets River Net
UpColR Net	32	Above Bonneville Net	Queets C&S	69	Queets River Ceremonial & Subsistence
A1-Ast Spt	33	Area 1 (Illwaco) & Astoria Sport	Quilly Spt	70	Quillayute River Sport
A1-Ast Trl	34	Area 1 (Illwaco) & Astoria Troll	Quilly Net	71	Quillayute River Net
Area2TrlNT	35	Area 2 Troll Nontreaty (Westport)	Quilly C&S	72	Quillayute River Ceremonial & Subsistence
Area2TrlTR	36	Area 2 Troll Treaty (Westport)	Hoh R Spt	73	Hoh River Sport
Area 2 Spt	37	Area 2 Sport (Westport)	Hoh R Net	74	Hoh River Net

#### Appendix 4. Coho FRAM fisheries (continued).

Fishery Abbrev.	Fish Num.	Coho FRAM Fishery Longname	Fishery Abbrev.	Fish Num.	Coho FRAM Fishery Longname
Hoh R C&S	75	Hoh River Ceremonial & Subsistence	Ar8A NetNT	109	Area 8A Stillaguamish/Snohomish Net Nontreaty
Mak FW Spt	76	Makah Tributary Sport	Ar8A NetTR	110	Area 8A Stillaguamish/Snohomish Net Treaty
Mak FW Net	77	Makah Freshwater Net	Ar8D NetNT	111	Area 8D Tulalip Bay Net Nontreaty
Makah C&S	78	Makah Ceremonial & Subsistence	Ar8D NetTR	112	Area 8D Tulalip Bay Net Treaty
A 4-4A Net	79	Area 4, 4A Net (Neah Bay)	Stil R Net	113	Stillaguamish River Net
A4B6CNetNT	80	Area 4B, 5, 6C Net Nontreaty (Strait of JDF)	Snoh R Net	114	Snohomish River Net
A4B6CNetTR	81	Area 4B, 5, 6C Net Treaty (Strait of JDF)	Ar 8-2 Spt	115	Area 8.2 Marine Sport
Ar6D NetNT	82	Area 6D Dungeness Bay/River Net Nontreaty	Stil R Spt	116	Stillaguamish River Sport
Ar6D NetTR	83	Area 6D Dungeness Bay/River Net Treaty	Snoh R Spt	117	Snohomish River Sport
Elwha Net	84	Elwha River Net	Ar 10 Spt	118	Area 10 Marine Sport (Seattle)
WJDF T Net	85	West JDF Straits Tributary Net	Ar10 NetNT	119	Area 10 Net Nontreaty (Seattle)
EJDF T Net	86	East JDF Straits Tributary Net	Ar10 NetTR	120	Area 10 Net Treaty (Seattle)
A6-7ANetNT	87	Area 7, 7A Net Nontreaty (San Juan Islands)	Ar10ANetNT	121	Area 10A Net Nontreaty (Elliott Bay)
A6-7ANetTR	88	Area 7, 7A Net Treaty (San Juan Islands)	Ar10ANetTR	122	Area 10A Net Treaty (Elliott Bay)
EJDF FWSpt	89	East JDF Straits Tributary Sport	Ar10ENetNT	123	Area 10E Net Nontreaty (East Kitsap)
WJDF FWSpt	90	West JDF Straits Tributary Sport	Ar10ENetTR	124	Area 10E Net Treaty (East Kitsap)
Area 5 Spt	91	Area 5 Marine Sport (Sekiu)	10F-G Net	125	Area 10F-G Ship Canal/Lake Washington Net Treaty
Area 6 Spt	92	Area 6 Marine Sport (Port Angeles)	Duwm R Net	126	Green/Duwamish River Net
Area 7 Spt	93	Area 7 Marine Sport (San Juan Islands)	Duwm R Spt	127	Green/Duwamish River Sport
Dung R Spt	94	Dungeness River Sport	L WaSm Spt	128	Lake Washington-Lake Sammamish Tributary Sport
ElwhaR Spt	95	Elwha River Sport	Ar 11 Spt	129	Area 11 Marine Sport (Tacoma)
A7BCDNetNT	96	Area 7B-7C-7D Net Nontreaty (Bellingham Bay)	Ar11 NetNT	130	Area 11 Net Nontreaty (Tacoma)
A7BCDNetTR	97	Area 7B-7C-7D Net Treaty (Bellingham Bay)	Ar11 NetTR	131	Area 11 Net Treaty (Tacoma)
Nook R Net	98	Nooksack River Net	Ar11ANetNT	132	Area 11A Net Nontreaty (Commencement Bay)
Nook R Spt	99	Nooksack River Sport	Ar11ANetTR	133	Area 11A Net Treaty (Commencement Bay)
Samh R Spt	100	Samish River Sport	Puyl R Net	134	Puyallup River Net
Ar 8 NetNT	101	Area 8 Skagit Marine Net Nontreaty	Puyl R Spt	135	Puyallup River Sport
Ar 8 NetTR	102	Area 8 Skagit Marine Net Treaty	Ar 13 Spt	136	Area 13 Marine Sport (South Puget Sound)
Skag R Net	103	Skagit River Net	Ar13 NetNT	137	Area 13 Net Nontreaty (South Puget Sound)
SkagR TsNet	104	Skagit River Test Net	Ar13 NetTR	138	Area 13 Net Treaty (South Puget Sound)
SwinCh Net	105	Swinomish Channel Net	Ar13CNetNT	139	Area 13C Net Nontreaty (Chambers Bay)
Ar 8-1 Spt	106	Area 8.1 Marine Sport	Ar13CNetTR	140	Area 13C Net Treaty (Chambers Bay)
Area 9 Spt	107	Area 9 Marine Sport (Admiralty Inlet)	Ar13ANetNT	141	Area 13A Net Nontreaty (Carr Inlet)
Skag R Spt	108	Skagit River Sport	Ar13ANetTR	142	Area 13A Net Treaty (Carr Inlet)

#### Appendix 4. Coho FRAM fisheries (continued).

Fishery Abbrev.	Fish Num.	Coho FRAM Fishery Longname	Fishery Abbrev.	Fish Num.	Coho FRAM Fishery Longname
Ar13DNetNT	143	Area 13D Net Nontreaty (South Puget Sound)	No BC Trl	175	Northern British Columbia Troll
Ar13DNetTR	144	Area 13D Net Treaty (South Puget Sound)	NoC BC Trl	176	North Central British Columbia Troll
A13FKNetNT	145	Area 13F-13K Net Nontreaty (South PS Inlets)	SoC BC Trl	177	South Central British Columbia Troll
A13FKNetTR	146	Area 13F-13K Net Treaty (South PS Inlets)	NW VI Trl	178	NW Vancouver Island Troll
Nisq R Net	147	Nisqually River Net	SW VI Trl	179	SW Vancouver Island Troll
McAlls Net	148	McAllister Creek Net	GeoStr Trl	180	Georgia Straits Troll
13D-K TSpt	149	13D-13K Tributary Sport (South PS Inlets)	BC JDF Trl	181	British Columbia Juan de Fuca Troll
Nisq R Spt	150	Nisqually River Sport	No BC Net	182	Northern British Columbia Net
Desc R Spt	151	Deschutes River Sport (Olympia)	Cen BC Net	183	Central British Columbia Net
Ar 12 Spt	152	Area 12 Marine Sport (Hood Canal)	NW VI Net	184	NW Vancouver Island Net
1212BNetNT	153	Area 12-12B Net Nontreaty (Upper Hood Canal)	SW VI Net	185	SW Vancouver Island Net
1212BNetTR	154	Area 12-12B Net Treaty (Upper Hood Canal)	Johnst Net	186	Johnstone Straits Net
Ar9A NetNT	155	Area 9A Net Nontreaty (Port Gamble)	GeoStr Net	187	Georgia Straits Net
Ar9A NetTR	156	Area 9-9A Net Treaty (Port Gamble/On Reservation)	Fraser Net	188	Fraser River Gill Net
Ar12ANetNT	157	12A Net Nontreaty (Quilcene Bay)	BC JDF Net	189	British Columbia Juan de Fuca Net
Ar12ANetTR	158	12A Net Treaty (Quilcene Bay)	No BC Spt	190	Northern British Columbia Sport
A12CDNetNT	159	12C-12D Net Nontreaty (Lower Hood Canal)	Cen BC Spt	191	Central British Columbia Sport
A12CDNetTR	160	12C-12D Net Treaty (Lower Hood Canal)	BC JDF Spt	192	British Columbia Juan de Fuca Sport
Skok R Net	161	Skokomish River Net	WC VI Spt	193	West Coast Vancouver Island Sport
Quilcn Net	162	Quilcene River Net	NGaStr Spt	194	North Georgia Straits Sport
1212B TSpt	163	12-12B Tributary FW Sport	SGaStr Spt	195	South Georgia Straits Sport
Quilcn Spt	164	12A Tributary FW Sport (Quilcene River)	Albern Spt	196	Alberni Canal Sport
12C-D TSpt	165	12C-12D Tributary FW Sport	BCCNTL TTR	197	BCCNTL Terminal Run (Catch + Escapement)
Skok R Spt	166	Skokomish River Sport	BCNCST TTR	198	BCNCST Terminal Run (Catch + Escapement)
GSMLND Trm	167	Georgia Strait Mainland Terminal Catch	QUEENC TTR	199	QUEENC Terminal Run (Catch + Escapement)
GSVNCI Trm	168	Georgia Strait Vancouver Island Terminal Catch	NASSRV TTR	200	NASSRV Terminal Run (Catch + Escapement)
JNSTRT Trm	169	Johnstone Strait Terminal Catch	SKEENA TTR	201	SKEENA Terminal Run (Catch + Escapement)
SWVNCI Trm	170	SW Vancouver Island Terminal Catch	SW AK Trl	202	Southwest Alaska Troll
NWVNCI Trm	171	NW Vancouver Island Terminal Catch	SE AK Trl	203	Southeast Alaska Troll
FRSLOW Trm	172	Lower Fraser River Terminal Catch	NW AK Trl	204	Northwest Alaska Troll
FRSUPP Trm	173	Upper Fraser River Terminal Catch	NE AK Trl	205	Northeast Alaska Troll
THOMPR Trm	174	Thompson River Terminal Catch	Alaska Net	206	Alaska Net (Areas 182:183:185:192)

**Appendix 5. Time Period and Age Specific rates used by FRAM to simulate Chinook and Coho natural mortality.**

<b>Chinook</b>	<b>Time Steps</b>			
<b>Ages</b>	<b>1. Oct. to April</b>	<b>2. May to June</b>	<b>3. July to Sept.</b>	<b>4. Oct. to April</b>
2	0.2577	0.0816	0.1199	0.1878
3	0.1878	0.0577	0.0853	0.1221
4	0.1221	0.0365	0.0543	0.0596
5	0.0596	0.0174	0.0260	0.0596

<b>Coho</b>	<b>Time Steps</b>				
<b>Ages</b>	<b>1. Jan. to June</b>	<b>2. July</b>	<b>3. August</b>	<b>4. Sept.</b>	<b>5. Oct to Dec.</b>
3	0.117504	0.020618	0.020618	0.020618	0.020618

## Appendix 6. Glossary.

**Adult Equivalent (AEQ)** - The potential contribution of fish of a given age to the spawning escapement, in the absence of fishing. Because of natural mortality and unaccounted losses, not all unharvested fish contribute to spawning escapement. For example, a two-year-old chinook has a lower probability of surviving to spawn, in the absence of fishing, than does a five-year-old, and these two age classes have different “adult equivalents”.

**Base Period** - A set of brood years from which CWT data are used to estimate exploitation rates, maturation rates, and stock abundances. The years used for the base period differ by species and stock. Brood years are chosen based on consistent coded-wire tagging of stocks, consistent CWT sampling of fisheries, and the relatively consistent execution of fisheries during the return years. Some stocks in the model were not tagged during the base period; recoveries of these stocks (called “out-of-base” stocks) are adjusted to account for changes in exploitation rates relative to the base period.

**Catch Ceiling** - A fishery catch limitation expressed in numbers of fish. A ceiling fishery is managed so as not to exceed the ceiling; actual catch is expected to fall somewhere below the ceiling.

**Catch Quota** - A fishery catch allocation expressed in numbers of fish. A quota fishery is managed to catch the quota; actual catch is expected to be slightly above or below the quota.

**Chinook/Coho Nonretention (CNR)** - Time periods when salmon fishing is allowed, but the retention of chinook (or coho) salmon is prohibited.

**Cohort Analysis** - A sequential population analysis technique that is used during model calibration to reconstruct the exploited life history of coded-wire tag groups.

**Cohort Size (initial)** - The total number of fish of a given age and stock at the beginning of the fishing season.

**Coded-Wire Tag (CWT)** - Coded microwire tags that are implanted in juvenile salmon prior to release. A tagged fish usually has its adipose fin removed to signal tag presence. Fisheries and escapements are sampled for tagged fish. When recovered, the binary code on the tag provides specific information about the tag group (e.g., location and timing of release, special hatchery treatments, etc.).

**Dropoff Mortality** - Mortality of salmon that “drop-off” sport or troll fishing gear before they are landed, and die from their injuries prior to harvest or spawning.

**Dropout Mortality** - Mortality of salmon that die in a fishing net and “drop-out” prior to harvest or salmon that disentangle from a net while it is in the water and die from their injuries prior to harvest or spawning.

**Exploitation Rate (ER)** - Catch or total fishing mortality in a fishery expressed as a proportion of the total cohort size in all areas (i.e., the total number of fish in the stock of interest at the beginning of the fishing year).

**Exploitation Rate Scalar** - A multiplier used to estimate fishery impacts by adjusting the base periods exploitation rates. Exploitation rate scalars can be either stock or fishery specific, or they can be applied to all stocks in a fishery.

**FRAM** - The Fishery Regulation Assessment Model is a simulation model developed for use in estimating the impacts of Pacific Coast salmon fisheries on chinook and coho stocks of interest to fishery managers.

**Harvest Rate (HR)** - Catch or total fishing mortality in a fishery expressed as a proportion of the total fish abundance available in a given fishing area at the start of a time period.

**Hooking Mortality** - Mortality of salmon that are caught and released by sport or troll hook-and-line gear, and die from their injuries prior to harvest or spawning.

**Management System Evaluation** - An evaluation of how well the model predicts variables of interest (e.g., terminal runs, catch by stock, and stock composition) when pre-season estimates of abundance and fishery catches are used as input data. In other words, given that the model performs adequately, does our preseason decision making process, based on preseason predictions, result in the anticipated outcome?

**Marked Recognition Error** - The probability that a marked fish will be inadvertently released.

**Model Calibration** - Model process involving base period data which (1) scales the coded-wire tag recoveries to represent a stock, (2) allocates non-landed catch mortality to stocks, and (3) reconstructs the cohort in order to compute exploitation rates, maturation rates, and stock abundance.

**Model Simulation** - Use of the model to vary the calibrated fish population abundance and fishing rates to portray the effects, on the stocks and fisheries, of different sets of sport and commercial fishery regulations.

**Non-landed Catch** - This category of fishery-related mortality includes hook-and-line drop-off, net gear drop-out, hooking mortality, and other sources of nonlanded mortality such as unreported or illegal catch.



**Nontreaty Fisheries** - Fisheries conducted by fishers who are not members of the twenty-four Belloni or Boldt Case Area Tribes.

**Preterminal** - In FRAM, a “preterminal” fishery is one that operates on both mature and immature fish.

**Shaker Mortality – “Shakers”** - This term is synonymous with hooking mortality and represents fish that are released from recreational and troll hook and line fisheries, either because they are outside of the regulatory size limits, because the species is not allowed to be kept, or because the individual fisher chooses, for personal or economic reasons, to release the fish.

**Terminal** - In FRAM, a “terminal” fishery is one that operates only on mature fish. These fisheries tend to be adjacent to a stock’s stream of origin and harvest returning adult fish.

**Terminal Area Management Modules (TAMM)** - Spreadsheets external to but integrated with FRAM that are used to: (1) provide input for FRAM simulations regarding projected Puget Sound terminal area catches or stock-specific impacts; (2) compute escapements for Puget Sound stock aggregates; and (3) create output reports that summarize simulated regulations, stock exploitation rates, allocation accounting, and escapement estimates.

**Treaty Fisheries** - Fisheries conducted by members of the twenty-four Belloni or Boldt Case Area Tribes.

**Unmarked Recognition Error (or Retention Error Rate)** - the probability that an unmarked fish will be retained inappropriately in a selective fishery (e.g. naturally-occurring marks, fisher fails to identify mark, fisher fails to comply with release requirement).

**Validation** - An evaluation of how well the model predicts variables of interest (e.g., terminal runs, catch by stock, and stock composition) when post-season estimates of stock abundance and fishery catches are used as input data. Validation is intended to evaluate performance of the model. In other words, does the model yield correct stock-specific impacts using, as inputs, actual stock size and fishery catch information.



## MODEL EVALUATION WORKGROUP REPORT

The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) met October 23, 2003 to review an Overview Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) document (Exhibit E.4.c, Supplemental Attachment 1) and to set priorities for future work. Comments obtained from the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee were incorporated into the draft provided to the Council.

The Overview provides a general description of FRAM. It defines the chinook and coho stocks and fisheries, time steps, and information on various types and magnitudes of incidental mortality rates used in different fisheries. It also includes a flow chart of computations within FRAM, a list of the fundamental equations used, and a description of the interdependence with some of the ancillary models used, such as the Terminal Area Management Modules (TAMMs).

The MEW recommends continued development of a detailed FRAM documentation, with the next tasks being documentation of the coho cohort reconstruction analysis and documentation of the chinook FRAM calibration process. The MEW also recommended starting development of a FRAM user's manual. It is anticipated the user's manual and the coho cohort reconstruction documentation could be substantially completed by the end of the year. The chinook FRAM calibration documentation, although already initiated, will require significantly more time and effort, and will be included with the final documentation package, which should be completed by fall 2004.

### Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit E.4.c, Supplemental Attachment 1: DRAFT Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) - An Overview for Chinook and Coho

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## **SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT**

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Salmon Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) met on October 23, 2003 to review methodology changes for the 2004 management season. Two items were reviewed: changes to the Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), and FRAM documentation.

### **Coho FRAM**

Changes were made to the Coho FRAM to accommodate Canadian fishery planning needs for implementation of the Pacific Salmon Commission's Coho Abundance Based Management agreement (CoABM). These changes include (1) changes in fishery strata for fisheries in Central British Columbia, Johnstone Strait, and the Strait of Georgia, and (2) changes in the representation of Canadian production regions. Changes to the production regions include reconfiguration to represent the regional aggregates specified in the CoABM, incorporation of additional CWT codes in the input files, new methodology for estimating escapement in areas where escapement estimates were not previously available, and estimates of hatchery and wild production.

The STT believes these changes represent a substantial improvement in the Coho FRAM and endorses the use of the updated model for the 2004 management season. However, the STT notes that the results of the modified model are not consistent with the results of the previous model, especially with respect to impacts on the Upper Fraser (including Thompson) stock, and anticipates the Pacific Salmon Commission will need to revisit aspects of the CoABM agreement. The STT also notes that the model results are preliminary and will be subject to continued technical review and error checking over the next few weeks. The STT urges the Coho Technical Committee to continue their evaluation of the model modifications.

### **Model Documentation**

The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) presented a draft Overview of the Coho and Chinook FRAM. The MEW intends to also produce a Users Manual detailing the operation of the model and a Programmers Guide with much more detailed documentation of the model algorithms. The STT recommends the Overview be finalized and the MEW then focus their attention on the Users Manual and Programmers Guide.

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STATEMENT FOR PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION COHO MODEL REVIEW

Mr. Chairman, Council members, as you are aware in addition to serving on the Pacific Council, I also serve on the Southern Panel of the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Commission. The Coho model before the Pacific Council today represents a commitment from the 2002 Coho Agreement reached with Canada, which was to develop a joint bilateral Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) model.

However, I caution the Council not to proceed too quickly with the adoption of this revised Coho model. This model is being developed bilaterally for use by the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC). Currently, it has yet to be presented and fully reviewed within the PSC forum, which meets annually in January and February. I also believe this new model needs to undergo additional testing and error checking. Consequently, this new version of the model that has been reviewed by our technical committees, and before the Council today, has not been approved or adopted in the PSC forum and is still subject to change.

In recognition of the differences in review schedules between the international and domestic processes, I recommend the Council grant no more than a tentative acceptance of the model basic framework and function. Formal Council acceptance of the model should not occur until completion of the PSC model review process and after the Council's technical committees have had an opportunity to review the final version. Although no major changes are anticipated, I believe this is the most prudent action to take at this point in time.

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