

Endangered Species Act 5-year Reviews for:

- 28 West Coast Salmon and Steelhead
- Eulachon
- 3 Puget Sound Rockfishes

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ESA Requirements for 5-Year Reviews

Section 4 of the ESA requires Secretary to:

At least once every five years, review the list of T&E species and determine whether the species should:

- Retain its current listing status;
- Be removed from the list;
- Be changed from an endangered to a threatened species; or
- Be changed from a threatened to an endangered species.



2015/2016 ESA 5-Year Reviews

Timeline

February 6, 2015	<i>Federal Register</i> notice announced 5 year reviews; solicited information
May 7, 2015	90-day public comment period closes
January/February, 2016	NOAA to announce 5-year review findings



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Scope of Reviews

- 17 ESUs of Pacific salmon
- 11 DPSs of steelhead
- 3 Puget Sound/Georgia Basin rockfish DPSs
 - yelloweye rockfish
 - canary rockfish
 - bocaccio
- southern DPS of eulachon

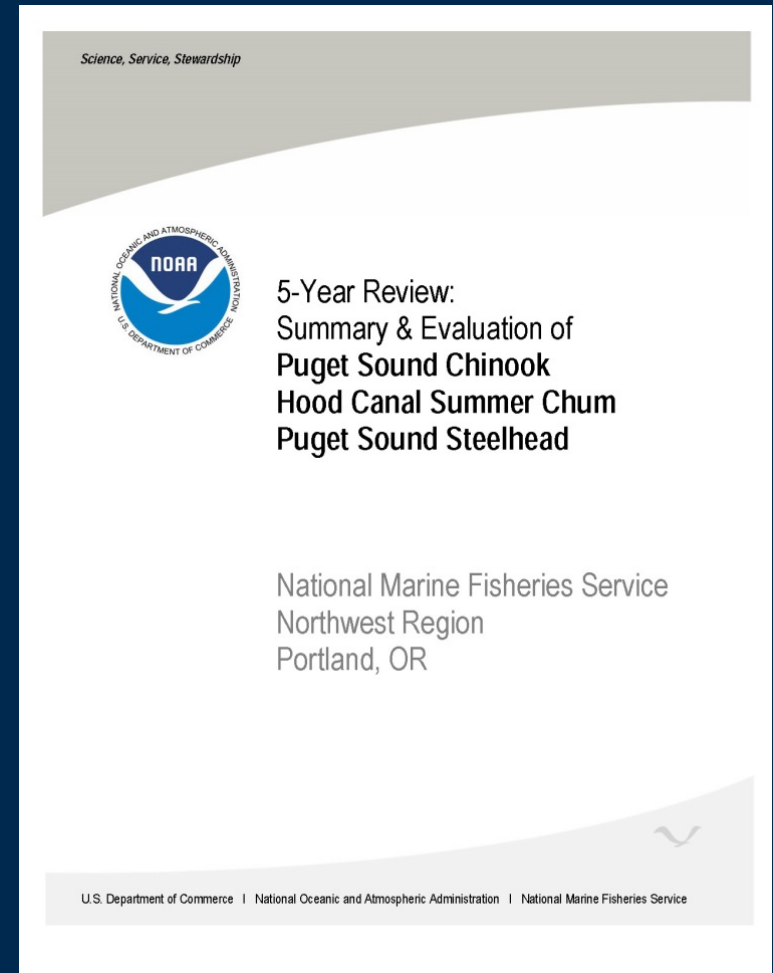




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Findings will include:

- Updated information on species viability
- Recommended species boundary adjustments, if any
- Recommended changes to list of hatcheries included in salmonid listings
- New information on species' limiting factors and threats
- Listing classification conclusion





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Opportunities

- Report on progress toward recovery goals
- Highlight key accomplishments and successes
- Underscore key challenges and gaps
- Provide recommendations for priority recovery actions, needed research/monitoring, regulatory measures, etc.
- Recommend needed updates to recovery plans

QUESTIONS ?

