

PRELIMINARY 2015 SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW TOPICS

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**Subject:** Preliminary 2015 Salmon Methodology Review Topics

At the April 2015 meeting in Rohnert Park, California, the Council identified potential topics for the 2015 salmon methodology review process. Parties responsible for completing the analyses are in parentheses. The 2015 Methodology Review meeting will be held in Portland and is tentatively scheduled to occur Tuesday through Thursday, October 20-22. Under this proposed schedule, draft analyses would be due to the Council office on October 6 to provide adequate review time.

The following were identified for 2015:

- Update of the Chinook FRAM (Fishery Regulation Assessment Model) base period and associated base period algorithms (**Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW)**).
- Update documentation for Chinook and coho FRAM (**MEW**).
- Evaluation of Sacramento River winter Chinook contribution to ocean fisheries north and south of Point Sur (**California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)**).
- Evaluation of a management line at Point Reyes for the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM), Sacramento Harvest Model (SHM), and Winter Run Harvest Model (**CDFW, NMFS**).
- Evaluation of a potential management line splitting the California Klamath Management Zone in the KOHM and SHM (**CDFW, NMFS**).

The Council also requested that the Salmon Technical Team evaluate salmon forecasts for the potential estimation of variance. It is anticipated that additional guidance on this preliminary topic is forthcoming.

Additionally, the Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes intend to collaborate on the development of methods to estimate ocean fishery impacts on Klamath River spring Chinook. The Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes are planning to begin this effort in 2015, but do not anticipate that sufficient work would be completed in time for a full review in the fall of 2015.

Please note that this is a preliminary list of topics and there is no certainty that all of these topics will be completed this year. The Council is scheduled to adopt the final list of review topics at its September 11-16, 2015 meeting in Sacramento, California. Responsible parties should be prepared to report at that time if sufficient progress has been made to review the topic at the October meeting.