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Ms. Susan Farlinger
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Dear Ms. Farlinger:

The U.S. Commissioners and I received an update on April 6th regarding the status of the PSC Chinook model calibration for 2016 following the bilateral Chinook Technical Committee (CTC) meeting held on April 5th. We reviewed the options for selecting forecasts that the bilateral CTC was able to identify for consideration and reached U.S. agreement to support the use of all agency forecasts in the model calibration for 2016, as summarized in the below table. We further recommend that the CTC formalize the model run that made the resulting calibration, using all agency forecasts.

Model	SEAK		NBC		WCVI	
	AI	Catch ceiling	AI	Catch ceiling	AI	Catch ceiling
All Forecasts	2.06	355,600	1.70	248,000	0.89	133,300

I also conveyed to the U.S. Commissioners our mutual interest in receiving a technical review of agency and model pre-season forecasts of the PSC Chinook model to improve upon current methods. The U.S. is further supportive of our developing a Commission memo in the near term that would assign the CIG to develop a process and timeline for that review. The U.S. has some initial thoughts about how the CIG assignment could be crafted that I will share with you to inform the memo.

We hope that you and the Canadian Commissioners may consider the U.S. agreements reached and respond as soon as possible to inform moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Phil Anderson
Pacific Salmon Commission Chair

Cc: U.S. Commissioners and Alternates,
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