SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON CHINOOK FISHERY REGULATION ASSESSMENT MODEL (FRAM) CO-MANAGER UPDATE

In November 2015, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) reviewed the modified methodologies for growth and sublegal contacts of the Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) and the proposed update to the Chinook FRAM base period and found them technically sound and improvements over current practices. Development of the new base period is not yet complete. The new growth algorithms cannot be used with the old (current) base period because the original size-at-age data are unavailable. There are no technical barriers to use of the new sublegal encounter algorithms with the old (current) base period, but the required work cannot be completed in time for use during the 2016 pre-season process. The SSC anticipates that the SSC Salmon Subcommittee will review the new base period and documentation in October 2016, followed by full SSC review in November 2016.

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