SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER WINTER CHINOOK HARVEST CONTROL RULE UPDATE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met in joint session with the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (Workgroup) and received a briefing on progress towards the development of a new harvest control rule for Sacramento River winter Chinook (SRWC). The SAS appreciates the considerable work invested by the Workgroup and is encouraged by progress on the development of an abundance forecast methodology for SRWC and on devising alternative harvest control rules. The SAS supports going forward with the currently proposed range of alternatives, but would like to reserve the opportunity to modify the alternatives in the future, as appropriate. The SAS looks forward to the maturation of the forecast methodology and to the analysis of risks to the stock and costs to fisheries of the alternative control rules.

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