

MODEL EVALUATION WORKGROUP REPORT ON
THE SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) and the Salmon Technical Team participated in a joint webinar on September 2, 2016 to discuss a list of potential topics that will be ready for the Salmon Methodology Review in October and an update on developing a new control rule for Sacramento River winter Chinook. In addition, Mr. Mike Burner provided updates on Ecosystem-Based Management activities and other Council administrative issues.

Mr. Larrie LaVoy, of the MEW and a member of the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) Base Period work group, discussed the progress towards developing a new Chinook FRAM base period data set that potentially could be used in the 2017 Council salmon management process. Mr. LaVoy stated that the development of a new Chinook FRAM base period is progressing well and an initial data set is nearly complete. The Chinook FRAM base period will be ready for the Salmon Methodology Review. The presentation at the Salmon Methodology Review would cover an overview of the base period data development process, documentation of the data sources used, and a comparison of outputs from FRAM using the existing base period compared to the new base period. The FRAM Base Period work group intended to have a user's manual prepared in time for the review but they were not able to accomplish this task.

Dr. Michael O'Farrell gave a presentation on progress so far of developing a new control rule for Sacramento River winter Chinook. Dr. O'Farrell said the work group is continuing their investigation and may have additional analysis to present at the review in October.

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