

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON THE SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) held a joint webinar on Friday, September 2, 2016 to discuss progress on the Sacramento River winter Chinook harvest control rule, topics for the Methodology Review, and other salmon-related business on the agenda of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's September meeting.

Dr. Michael O'Farrell briefed the STT and MEW on recent work by the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup on development of a forward looking control rule, as opposed to the current control rule which relies on a recent three-year average. The STT is encouraged by progress made by the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup on forecasting abundance of Sacramento River winter Chinook, and anticipates that portions of the work may be ready for review by the STT and SSC in October.

The group was also briefed on the status of the development of new Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) base period, and updated user manual, by Mr. Larrie LaVoy. The STT anticipates that the new FRAM base period work will be ready for review, but that the updated user manual will not be finished in time for the Methodology Review in October.

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