MODEL EVALUATION WORKGROUP SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON SALMON METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) and Salmon Technical Team held a joint webinar on August 24, 2017, to discuss topics for the Methodology Review, progress on the Sacramento River winter Chinook control rule, and other salmon-related business on the agenda of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's September meeting.

Mr. Larrie LaVoy briefed the group on progress made in documenting the development of the new Chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model base period, and updating the User Manual as needed. This continues to be a work in progress, and will not be finished in time for the Methodology Review in October.

The group was also briefed on the recent work by the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (SRWCW) on evaluating the performance of the suite of potential control rules using a Management Strategy Evaluation approach. The MEW is encouraged by progress made by the SRWCW and support their recommendation on use of the median forecast distribution in the analysis of the control rules.

Other topics discussed included two proposed boundary changes, and Oregon Coast Natural Coho sampling. The MEW will consider these topics as they are developed through the Council process.

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