

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON
EVALUATION OF SACRAMENTO WINTER CHINOOK SALMON CONTROL RULES

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) reviewed Agenda Item F.2.a, the Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (SRWCW) report, and received a presentation on the updated management strategy evaluation (MSE) analysis during their August 24, 2017 webinar. We note that the MSE methodology has previously been vetted by the STT and the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and that the current analysis is an application of an approved methodology that does not require further review. The STT concurs with the SRWCW recommendation to use the median of the forecast distribution rather than the mode as input for control rules. While using the mode could be viewed as more precautionary, its use would result in greater restrictions to fisheries with negligible expected benefits to spawning escapements.

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