

## PRELIMINARY REBUILDING PLANS

Three coho stocks (Strait of Juan de Fuca coho, Queets River coho, and Snohomish River coho) and two Chinook stocks (Sacramento River fall Chinook and Klamath River fall Chinook) were declared overfished in June 2018. Under the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP), a rebuilding plan (plan) is required for each of these stocks. The FMP requires a plan must be proposed for Council consideration within one year, and developed and implemented within two years.

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has worked collaboratively with tribal, state, and Federal entities to produce a salmon rebuilding plan for each of the five stocks. Work began in May 2018 and continues to date. In addition to required elements outlined in the FMP, each plan must include required elements, or meet Federal guidelines, found in the Magnusson Stevens Act (MSA) and the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA). Prior to implementation, these plans will go through the Federal notice and comment rule-making process, and require an Environmental Assessment. Council staff and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have been coordinating efforts to streamline the processes.

Attachments 1-5 contain the draft plans for each of the five stocks. Simplistically, the plans look to answer three main questions:

- 1) What factor(s) contributed to the stock status change?
- 2) What action can be taken and how long will it take to achieve rebuilt status?
- 3) How will the tribal, commercial, and recreational fishing interests and coastal communities be effected by any action taken?

All plans are similar in structure and strive to meet all required aspects of a salmon rebuilding plan in an organized, step-wise pattern.

Because each salmon stock is unique, each plan will vary slightly, and available information may differ from plan to plan. In an effort to provide draft plans that are complete as possible at this November meeting, each plan has not undergone the full scrutiny of the STT. With that in mind, we ask the Council to review the plans in draft form and provide direction. The Council is slated to adopt final plans for recommendation to NMFS at the March 2019 Council meeting.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Review and Provide Direction on Preliminary Salmon Rebuilding Plans For All Five Stocks, and Consider Adopting the Preliminary Salmon Rebuilding Plans for Public Review.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Klamath River Fall Chinook **(Electronic Only)**.

2. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 2: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Sacramento River Fall Chinook **(Electronic Only)**.
3. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 3: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho **(Electronic Only)**.
4. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 4: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Queets River Coho **(Electronic Only)**.
5. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 5: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Snohomish River Coho **(Electronic Only)**.

Agenda Order:

D.2 Preliminary Rebuilding Plans

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Review and Provide Direction on Preliminary Rebuilding Plans for Klamath River Fall Chinook, Sacramento River Fall Chinook, Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho, Queets River Coho, and Snohomish River Coho, and Consider Adopting for Public Review

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