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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2019

TO: State-Tribal Comanagers

FROM: Chuck Tracy

SUBJECT: Salmon Rebuilding Plan Schedules

I know many of you were very busy during the March Council meeting and since then as well, and the rebuilding plans for overfished salmon stocks may not be your highest priority, so the purpose of this memo is to make you all aware of the schedule adopted by the Council for completing the rebuilding plans for Queets coho, Strait of Juan de Fuca coho, Snohomish coho, Klamath River fall Chinook, and Sacramento River fall Chinook.

At the March 2019 Council meeting, the Council approved a schedule for completing all five of the salmon rebuilding plans by September 2019, as necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Under this timeline, the Council would consider adopting the Chinook rebuilding plans as "drafts for public review" at the April 2019 Council meeting, and consider final adoption in June 2019 (see table below). New information available for the Chinook plans at the April meeting includes analyses of potential rebuilding timeframes and economic impacts of the alternatives being considered.

For the coho plans, the Council would schedule consideration of the three coho plans to be adopted as "drafts for public review" in June 2019, and consider final adoption in September 2019 (see table below). This will provide additional time for the co-managers to characterize the alternatives and assist the rebuilding plan authors to conduct appropriate analyses of potential rebuilding timeframes and economic impacts. The continued collaboration with the co-managers is critical for the successful completion of the three coho rebuilding plans by September 2019.

Final Council approval of these plans by September is necessary to allow National Marine Fisheries Service time to complete the rulemaking process prior to the 2020 deadline. Please review the schedule and let me know of any concerns.

2019 STT Extended Schedule for Developing Salmon Rebuilding Plans (Feb. - Sept.)

Date	Task	Comments
Feb 7	Submit for March Council Meeting	March advanced briefing book deadline
Mar 8	Council reviews draft plans	Agenda Item D.2; Council will consider the revised drafts and provide guidance
Mar 11	Due - Drafts from managers to STT	
Mar 12	Due - Drafts from STT to PFMC	
Mar 15	Submit for April Council Meeting	April advanced briefing book deadline
Mar 27	SSC begins review of the proposed model to evaluate rebuilding plan alternatives	Two-week advance deadline for April mtg; coho co-managers will also evaluate the model respective to the coho rebuilding plans
Apr 13	Council considers draft plans	Council will consider the SSC report on the proposed model; and may adopt the Chinook rebuilding plans for public review
April 22	STT/managers work on plans	Based on Council direction and SSC input provided at April Mtg
May 20	Due - Drafts from managers to STT	
May 21	Due - Drafts from STT to PFMC	
May 23	Submit for June Council Meeting	June advanced briefing book deadline
June 18-25	June Council Meeting (San Diego)	Council adopts final Chinook rebuilding plans (tentative action); and adopts coho rebuilding plans for public review
Jun 26	STT/Co-managers work on plans	Based on Council direction provided at June Mtg
Aug 12	Due - Final drafts from managers to STT	
Aug 13	Due - Final drafts from STT to PFMC	
Aug 15	Submit for Sept Council Meeting	Sept. advanced briefing book deadline
Sep 11-18	Sept. Council Meeting (Boise)	Council adopts final coho rebuilding plans
Sep 18	Rebuilding plans are sent to NMFS	Sept. 18 is the due date to send the Chinook and coho rebuilding plans; no extensions

Provided to Council by STT on March 8, 2019

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