

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE 22

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) was briefed at their August 29 webinar by Council Staff Officer, Kerry Griffin, on Council Operating Procedure (COP) 22 – Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review Process. The STT supports updating COP 22 to include all Council fishery management plans (FMPs), so that there is a clear and consistent process across all FMPs that will guide any necessary review of EFH provisions.

The STT notes that the Pacific Coast Salmon FMP describes a process for making changes to EFH in section 4.1.4. As the STT understands it, COP 22 provides a general framework for approaching EFH reviews, with the expectation of a more detailed process and schedule to be developed for each individual EFH review. That more detailed process and schedule could incorporate the process described in the Salmon FMP, or could be tailored accordingly.

To clarify that COP 22 does not conflict with processes already described in individual FMPs, the STT suggests adding a sentence to the end of COP 22 stating: "This process may utilize procedures already described in individual FMPs, as appropriate."

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