

## REVIEW OF SALMON 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 (SRFC) 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 be proposed by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) for Council consideration within one year, and developed and implemented by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) within two years. NMFS has stated that the Council should submit rebuilding plans for approval by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) within 15 months of the overfished declaration, which is September 18, 2019.

At the June 2019 meeting, the Council adopted the two Chinook rebuilding plans as final, choosing Alternative I (status quo) as the final preferred alternative for each plan for recommendation to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The three coho plans were adopted as drafts for public review and scheduled for final adoption at the September 2019 meeting.

When considering the SRFC rebuilding plan at the June 2019 meeting, the also Council discussed the recommendation (section 4.7, Recommendation #4) to ‘Develop an age-structured SRFC harvest model similar in structure to the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model’. This recommendation goes on to say, in part, that a model of this kind would be contingent on the implementation of an age-structured stock assessment, which was provided as Recommendation #2 in the same section. The Council tasked the STT with providing a scoping document on the work and time needed to develop such a harvest model for SRFC, and report back to the Council as early as September, 2019.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Review and Comment on the Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan for Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho and Consider Adopting the Salmon Rebuilding Plan with a Final Preferred Alternative for Recommendation to U.S. Secretary of Commerce.**
- 2. Review and Comment on the Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan for Queets River natural coho and Consider Adopting the Salmon Rebuilding Plan with a Final Preferred Alternative for Recommendation to U.S. Secretary of Commerce.**
- 3. Review and Comment on Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plans for Snohomish River natural coho and Consider Adopting the Salmon Rebuilding Plan with a Final Preferred Alternative for Recommendation to U.S. Secretary of Commerce.**
- 4. Consider and Discuss, if Available, the Scoping Document on SRFC Harvest Model Development.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho (*Electronic Only*).
2. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 2: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Queets River Coho (*Electronic Only*).
3. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 3: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Snohomish River Coho (*Electronic Only*).
4. If Received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- F.2 Rebuilding Plans: Final Action for Coho and Report on SRFC Harvest Model Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Review Rebuilding Plans and an update on the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Harvest Model Development.; Adopt Final Plans for Strait of Juan de Fuca, Queets River, and Snohomish River Natural Coho.

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