

SOUTHERN OREGON/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COHO
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSULTATION

Consistent with the Stipulated Agreement and Motion to Stay Case reached between the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NMFS and the Council are in the midst of a process to develop a harvest control rule for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho. The Council formed the Ad Hoc SONCC Coho Workgroup (Workgroup). The Council adopted a Terms of Reference and Timeline that describes the Workgroup's purpose, membership, milestones, and timeline. The Workgroup's primary task is to develop a range of harvest control alternatives for Council consideration from which the Council would adopt a preferred alternative for recommendation to NMFS. The work is anticipated to be completed within 18 months from the Workgroup's initial meeting, which occurred in June 2020. Under this timeline, a final preferred alternative would be considered at the November 2021 Council meeting.

If changes to the SONCC coho harvest control rule are adopted for implementation, then an amendment to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan may be needed.

The Workgroup intends to provide a supplemental progress report summarizing work performed since their last report to the Council (November 2020) and the status of the Risk Assessment and potential harvest control rules being developed in preparation for Council consideration at the June 2021 meeting.

Council Action:

- 1. Review Workgroup progress on developing a Risk Assessment and range of alternatives; provide guidance as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- D.4 Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species Act Consultation Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review Workgroup Progress on Developing a Risk Assessment and Range of Alternatives; Provide Guidance as Necessary.