

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) met with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) to discuss potential topics for Methodology Review in 2021. Following these discussions, the STT identified four topics as candidates for review by the STT and the Salmon Subcommittee of the SSC in October 2020, with the lead entity in parentheses and potential contributing agencies in brackets.

- 1) Provide documentation of the abundance forecast approach used for Willapa Bay natural coho (STT) (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW]).
- 2) Revision of the Sacramento River Fall Chinook conservation objective (STT) (California Department of Fish and Wildlife [CDFW]), (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife [ODFW]), (National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS]), (US Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS]).
- 3) Documentation of the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM) program and the development of the new Chinook FRAM base period, including algorithms (MEW).
- 4) Evaluate post-season metrics of FRAM model performance (MEW).

The STT considered including an evaluation of the Oregon Production Index Hatchery (OPIH) coho forecast on the list of potential Methodology Review topics, and discussed this with the MEW and SSC. After further discussion, the STT decided to not include this topic on the list for Methodology Review in 2021 because the OPIH abundance forecast model is documented in Preseason Report I and there has been no change in methodology proposed.