

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
STANDARDIZED BYCATCH REPORTING METHODOLOGY - SCOPING

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) was first briefed at their November 9, 2020 online meeting by Council Staff Officer Brett Wiedoff on the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) final rule requiring all fishery management plans (FMPs) to establish a standardized bycatch reporting methodology (SBRM) to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in its fisheries. Following the briefing, the STT reviewed the Pacific Coast Salmon FMP and other relevant annual documents (Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation [SAFE], Preseason Report II, Preseason Report III) for consistency with the NMFS final rule. The STT provided a [statement](#) at the November 2020 Council meeting outlining their initial conclusions regarding the six review criteria as they relate to Council commercial troll and recreational salmon fisheries.

The STT was briefed again on the topic at their June 22, 2021 online meeting by Council Staff Officer Brett Wiedoff who summarized the aspects of salmon ocean fisheries in the SBRM scoping report ([Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2](#)). The scoping report includes information consistent with the STT's November 2020 statement, and provides recommendations to include more detail on describing bycatch estimate methodologies for both troll and recreational salmon fisheries, and provide qualitative information on data uncertainty for those fisheries.

The STT agrees with the recommendations, and the suggestion that information be provided (or links to references) in one of the annual 'Preseason' salmon documents, or the STT could also draft general language for the Salmon FMP if that is the Council's preference. Collecting more information and drafting potential language for inclusion into the salmon documents will take some time, and the STT plans to schedule a meeting focused on this task over the summer. The STT can be prepared to provide additional information and draft language as early as the September 2021 Council meeting.

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