

F.3. Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species Act Harvest Control Rule - Final Action

Council Action:

Review the Risk Assessment and Range of Alternatives and Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative Harvest Control Rule for Recommendation to NMFS.

DRAFT-NOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

I move the Council adopt the summary recommendations contained in Agenda item F.3.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1, as follows:

Harvest Control Rule 5 as described in Agenda Item F.3.a, the Fishery Harvest Control Rule Risk Assessment. This amounts to a total fishery exploitation rate (ER) limit of 15% on SONCC coho salmon, to be implemented as follows:

- Evaluation of attainment of the limit occurs on a postseason basis each year using the annual postseason exploitation rate, which is the sum of the fishery exploitation rates experienced in the year across all ocean and inland sources of fishery mortality (ER). The annual ERs are then averaged over the available postseason record for the period following HCR adoption, and this average must not exceed the adopted limit of 15%.
- Postseason estimates of the ocean ER will be generated using the Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), whereas the in-river ER component will be determined using data provided by co-managing agencies as described in Appendix C and Appendix I of the risk assessment report.

In addition, ocean fishery seasons shall be designed pre-season each year such that Coho FRAM projections of ocean fishery impacts to SONCC coho salmon do not exceed 9% more frequently than once every four years, which is a reduction in the status-quo allowable ocean impact rate of not more than 13%.

Moved by Marci Yaremko Second by Bob Dooley

Motion carried.

Voting no: Joe Oatman, Chris Kern, Susan Bishop

Abstention: Kyle Adicks