

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON  
SOUTHERN OREGON/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST COHO  
HARVEST CONTROL RULE – FINAL ACTION

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has followed the progress of the Ad Hoc Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho Workgroup and the Council actions leading up to the January 2022 Emergency Council meeting. In a prior statement, the STT noted that a total exploitation rate control rule for SONCC coho would represent a different management approach than the ocean-only exploitation rate limit in place for prior years.

The STT has considered the technical aspects of calculating a total exploitation rate and has concluded that it can conduct the necessary analysis for the preseason salmon process and post season evaluation. For the preseason salmon assessment process, it is our understanding that projected freshwater exploitation rates will be provided to the STT by the state and tribal co-managers for Klamath Basin fisheries and by the state of Oregon for Rogue Basin fisheries. The STT requests that these terminal fishery inputs be made available prior to the start of the March Council meeting each year.

The STT anticipates that discussions with co-managers may be necessary prior to the March Council meetings to help ensure that terminal exploitation rates will be properly paired with ocean exploitation rates when calculating total exploitation rates for SONCC coho populations and aggregates.

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