METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

Each year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) completes a methodology review to help assure new or significantly modified methodologies employed to estimate impacts of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) salmon management use the best available science. The process normally involves: 1) developing a list of potential topics for review at the April Council meeting, 2) development of analytical materials to be reviewed between April and September Council meetings, final selection of review topics at the September Council meeting, review of selected topics in October by the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and 3) review by the full SSC at the November Council meeting.

This review process is preparatory to the November Council meeting and the Council adoption of all proposed changes to be implemented in the coming season or, in certain limited cases, providing directions for handling any unresolved methodology problems prior to the formulation of salmon management options in March. Because there is insufficient time to review new or modified methods at the March meeting, the Council may reject their use if they have not been approved the preceding November.

The SSC will receive input from the STT and the Model Evaluation Workgroup and provide recommendations for methodologies to be reviewed in 2023.

<u>Council Action</u>:

1. **Provide guidance to the SSC regarding potential topics and priorities for methodologies to be reviewed in 2024.**
2. **Request relevant agencies develop and provide needed materials to the SSC, as appropriate.**

<u>Reference Materials</u>:

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

<u>Agenda Order</u>:

E.4   Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection   Robin Ehlke
    a.   Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
    b.   Public Comment
    c.   **Council Action**: Adopt Preliminary Topics for 2023 Methodology Reviews

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