

## SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) discussed future workload here at the April 2023 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting and reviewed the [preliminary year-at-a-glance summary](#). A summary of potential STT work for the year follows.

### Conservation objectives

The STT anticipates participation in work associated with development of new conservation objectives for Sacramento River fall Chinook (SRFC) and Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC). The meeting schedules and workload associated with these efforts will become more defined following the June 2023 Council meeting. However, it is likely that STT participation in a KRFC interim conservation objective (for a period of time following dam removal) will begin shortly after the June meeting given that interim goals would be needed for the 2024 fishery planning process.

### SRFC age-structured assessment

An agenda item on SRFC age-structured assessment is on the year-at-a-glance for the June 2023 Council meeting. The development of an age-structured assessment has been identified as a priority for some time, and the STT would be interested in further discussion on the prioritization level of this work.

### Rebuilding plan(s)

Queets River spring/summer Chinook met the criteria for overfished status in 2023, and the STT anticipates several meetings and work associated with the development of the rebuilding plan, which is required to be completed within a year from the stock being declared overfished by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Additionally, SRFC are currently at risk of approaching an overfished condition and may require the development of a rebuilding plan in 2024.

### Methodology Review

Five Salmon Methodology Review topics were identified by the STT, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW). The Council gave guidance to bring each of those topics to the October Methodology Review meeting (acknowledging that a progress report on these five projects will occur at the September 2023 Council meeting). The STT has primary or secondary responsibility for developing four of the Methodology Review items.

### Southern Oregon Northern California Coast Coho (SONCC coho)

The STT and MEW developed a [scoping document](#) in September 2022 on potential improvements to forecasting ocean fishery exploitation rates. The list of projects was tiered by (1) work that could be completed now given existing information, (2) further work that could be taken up after projects described in (1), and (3) projects that would need additional data before they can be undertaken. The Council discussed the scoping document at this meeting, but no tasks were assigned to the STT. This topic could come up again at the June 2023 meeting, and there may be additional SONCC tasks for the STT later in the year.

Amending the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

The STT anticipates a potential Amendment to the salmon FMP to clarify Southern Resident Killer Whale language. The STT is also interested in taking some time to review the current FMP and provide 'housekeeping' edits where needed.

Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) obligations

Some members of the STT have obligations within the PSC process. Meeting and travel obligations for this work ranges from two to ten weeks annually, depending on the PSC duties of the individual STT members.

Development of Preseason Reports

The STT will be developing the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document for the FMP (Review of Ocean Fisheries report) and three additional reports that constitute the environmental assessment for the annual ocean salmon fishery regulations (Preseason Reports) from January through April (annually).

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