

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 24:
SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE
THRESHOLD CLARIFICATIONS - FINAL

An administrative amendment to the Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan ([FMP](#)) is under consideration for Section 6.6.8 - Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Management Measures. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the technical process for reviewing updates to the models used to determine the Chinook abundance threshold and reporting to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) any resulting change in the threshold. There are no proposed changes to policy, methodology or analysis. Other minor administrative or clerical edits may also be included in the amendment language, as needed.

At the September 2023 Council meeting, the Council adopted for public review draft administrative edits to the Pacific Salmon FMP under Amendment 24. The edits are intended to clarify and provide more detail in the process for updating the Chinook abundance threshold. Edits proposed in the Salmon Technical Team ([STT](#)) report and the Scientific and Statistical Committee ([SSC](#)) report were also generally accepted. The revised language (which includes the adopted edits from the STT and SSC) is provided in Attachment 1. Additional background information is documented in Agenda Item C.3 from the September 2023 Council meeting.

If the Council decides to adopt changes to the FMP, it would also be an opportune time to approve additional administrative edits from Council staff to address any minor errors and updates as needed.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt administrative edits under FMP Amendment 24 that apply to Section 6.6.8 – Southern Resident Killer Whale Management Measures.**
- 2. Provide guidance for any additional administrative edits as needed.**

Reference Materials:

1. Attachment 1: Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan Amendment 24: Proposed revision to Section 6.6.8.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- D.2 Fishery Management Plan Amendment 24: Southern Resident Killer
Whale Chinook Threshold Clarifications
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final FMP Amendment

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