

KLAMATH RIVER FALL CHINOOK AD-HOC WORKGROUP –
PROGRESS REPORT ON 2024 MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

The Klamath River Fall Chinook ad-hoc Workgroup (Workgroup) has met several times since their initial meeting in October 2023. The Workgroup's focus to date has been to develop multiple alternatives for the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to consider for the upcoming 2024 preseason salmon process. The Workgroup has developed a series of preliminary alternatives and is continuing to work on analysis of those alternatives and supporting information. Although the work continues, the Workgroup agreed that it would be prudent to inform the Council and its advisory bodies, as well as stakeholders and the public, as soon as reasonably possible, of the options being developed thus far.

The Workgroup plans to provide a detailed supplemental report in time for the March 2024 Council meeting. In the meantime, the Workgroup provides this progress report which includes preliminary information intended to summarize the types of options under development that may be included in the Workgroup's supplemental report.

Summary of options under development

- No action - maintain status quo Harvest Control Rule.
- Apply a buffer to the Harvest Control Rule under all levels of abundance. Buffer could range from 10-25 percent.
- Reduce *de minimis* fishing provisions at a varying range of lower abundances.
- Modify *de minimis* fisheries and buffer the allowable exploitation rate.
- Eliminate *de minimis* provisions and / or buffer the maximum allowable exploitation rate of 68 percent (F_{ABC}).

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