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 that 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 the April and September Council meetings, 3) final selection of review topics at the September Council meeting, 4) review of selected topics in October by the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and the Salmon Technical Team (STT), and 5) 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 any proposed changes for implementation in the coming season or, if necessary, provide direction to resolve any incomplete reviews prior to the March Council meeting. 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 or addressed at the preceding November Council meeting.

The SSC will receive input from the STT and provide recommendations for methodologies to be reviewed in 2024.

Council Action:

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.**

Reference Materials:

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

Agenda Order:

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 2024 Methodology Reviews

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