SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) discussed potential topics for Methodology Review in 2024. While there were a few potential topics discussed, the STT concluded that those topics were either not ready at this time, or did not meet the criteria for a full Methodology Review. For example, one topic was associated with assessment inputs and did not represent a change in methodology. Another topic required more discussion between co-managers and the National Marine Fisheries Service before it could be considered for Methodology Review. The STT met with the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and gave an overview of the STT discussions.

If sufficient progress is made on projects that would be appropriate for Methodology Review, the STT and SSC could inform the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) of this at the September 2024 meeting. This is permitted per Council Operating Procedure 15, which states: "At the September meeting the SSC will inform the Council of the methodologies ready for review and recommend a review schedule. The SSC also will notify the Council of assistance needed from management entities and the Model Evaluation Workgroup to accomplish the review".

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