E.1 Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup – Progress Report

Council Action:

Consider Workgroup Report and Provide Guidance on Next Steps

Guidance to the Sacramento Fall Workgroup:

- 1. Future work should reflect that Maximum Sustainable Yield serves as the basis of salmon fishery management (as modified per the NS1 Guidelines to achieve Optimum Yield), and not Maximum Sustainable Production, as described in Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental STT Report, June 2024.
- 2. Given the significance of the hatchery component of the Sacramento River Fall Chinook stock, direct the workgroup to continue developing a contemporary conservation objective and other reference points and measures that rely on an aggregate of returning hatchery and natural adults.
- 3. Task the workgroup with evaluating the draft cohort reconstruction that is underway for Sacramento Fall Chinook and determine if it will provide substantial improvement and accuracy over current forecasting and modeling methodologies.