

## METHODOLOGY REVIEW — FINAL TOPIC SELECTION

The Salmon Methodology Review is guided by [Council Operating Procedure \(COP\) 15](#) and is a three-step annual process intended to help clarify the technical basis for Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) salmon management actions. This meeting serves as the second step in this process. Each year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Salmon Technical Team (STT), and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) work together to identify and resolve methodology issues which need documentation and/or merit a full review.

As outlined in COP15, the first step of the review process begins in April with a list of candidate topics identified. The second step occurs at the September meeting, where the Council is informed of the topics that will be ready for review in October and notified of any assistance needed from management entities to accomplish the review. In the third step, which takes place at the November meeting after the review is conducted, the SSC and STT provide the results of the review and any recommendations for change. Changes adopted by the Council in November may be implemented in the coming season or the Council may provide direction for handling any unresolved issues. 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 the preceding November.

At its April 2024 meeting, the SSC and STT did not identify any topics for review ([Agenda Item E.4.a, Supplemental SSC Report](#) and [Agenda Item E.4.a Supplemental STT Report](#)). However, the April STT statement noted that “if sufficient progress is made on projects that would be appropriate for Methodology Review, the STT and SSC could inform the Council of this at the September 2024 meeting.” Under this agenda item, the Council should consider a report from the Sacramento River fall Chinook Workgroup (SRWG), which proposes potential topics for the 2024 Salmon Methodology Review. The Council should determine if these topics are appropriate and if the necessary supporting analyses will be ready for review in October.

All materials essential for review are due at least two weeks prior to the October meeting date and made available to the SSC Salmon Subcommittee and STT. If needed, the 2024 Salmon Methodology Review will take place in early October and would be held online. Any results from the Salmon Methodology Review will be provided to the Council in November.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Provide guidance to the SSC regarding potential topics and priorities for methodologies to be reviewed in 2024.**
- 2. Determine if topics identified for review will be ready for the October Salmon Methodology Review meeting.**
- 3. Request relevant agencies to develop and provide needed materials to the SSC, as appropriate.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2.a, Sacramento River Fall Chinook Work Group Report 1.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

E.2 Methodology Review—Final Topic Selection

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Identify Topics for Review in 2024

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