

QUEETS SPRING/SUMMER CHINOOK REBUILDING PLAN – FINAL

Queets River natural spring/summer Chinook were declared overfished in November 2023 (November 2023 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Meeting, [Agenda Item D.1.a, Supplemental NMFS Report](#)). The Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) requires that a rebuilding plan be developed when a stock is declared overfished, and that a plan be proposed by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) for Council consideration within one year and implemented by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) within two years. NMFS has stated that the Council should submit rebuilding plans for approval by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce within 15 months of the overfished declaration.

The STT has worked collaboratively with tribal, state, and Federal entities to develop the rebuilding plan. The Council received a progress report at the June 2024 Council Meeting ([Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental STT Report 1](#)). At the September 2024 Council Meeting, the STT provided a draft Rebuilding Plan Analysis which the Council adopted for public review and identified *Alternative 1, No Action* as their preliminary preferred alternative. The Council also requested that a more robust economic analysis be provided at the upcoming November meeting.

Since the September meeting, the analysis of socioeconomic impacts of management strategy alternatives has been expanded and is included under Appendix C of the draft rebuilding plan (Attachment 1). No other significant changes have been made to the document.

Under this agenda item, the Council should adopt a final rebuilding plan for recommendation to NMFS. Prior to implementation, the plan will go through the Federal notice and comment rule-making process.

Council Action:

- 1. Review the draft rebuilding plan and updated socioeconomic impacts analysis.**
- 2. Identify the Final Preferred Alternative (FPA).**
- 3. Adopt the rebuilding plan with the FPA for recommendation to NMFS.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1: Draft Rebuilding Plan Analysis for Queets River Spring/Summer Chinook (***Electronic Only***).
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- F.3 Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding Plan – Final Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt a Final Preferred Alternative for Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding Plan