

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON PROPOSED EDITS TO
COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE 15

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) reviewed the proposed changes to Council Operating Procedure 15, which is focused on the Salmon Methodology Review process, and suggests the following edits:

1. The sentence in the first paragraph on pages 1 and 2, reads “*The SSC Salmon SC and STT are responsible for jointly reviewing new or changed methodology as opposed to specific applications of the methodology with the SSC Salmon SC focusing on the scientific merits and the STT focusing on feasibility and implementation.*” The STT recommends modifying this sentence to read:

“The SSC Salmon SC and STT are responsible for jointly reviewing new or changed methodology as opposed to specific applications of the methodology with the SSC Salmon SC focusing on the scientific merits and the STT focusing on scientific merits as well as feasibility and implementation.”

2. The second to last paragraph on page 3 reads “*The STT weighs the technical merits of review topics, especially in terms of feasibility and implementation*”. The STT recommends modifying this sentence to read:

“The STT weighs the scientific and technical merits of review topics, especially in terms of feasibility and implementation”.

3. The final paragraph on page 3 reads “*The STT will also brief the SSC on the outcome of the methodology review and provide a statement to the Council regarding the methodology review and any proposed changes*”. The STT recommends modifying this sentence to read:

“The STT will also brief the ~~SSC~~ Council on the outcome of the methodology review and provide a statement to the Council regarding the methodology review and any proposed changes.”

The suggested modifications to Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 3 are provided to acknowledge the STT’s longstanding role in the scientific review of methods used in salmon stock assessment, in addition to advising the Council on matters of feasibility and implementation of stock assessment tools. While the SSC has the responsibility for determinations of Best Scientific Information Available, additional scientific review by the STT serves to improve the quality of the science used to inform salmon assessment and management.