

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPLANEL REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) discussed the methodology review topics proposed by the Sacramento River fall Chinook Workgroup (SRWG). The SAS was supportive of the formation of the SRWG to evaluate if the current conservation objective (122,000-180,000 natural and hatchery adult spawners) is still appropriate after the removal of Red Bluff Diversion Dam. Specifically, we feel the conservation objective moving forward must continue to stay an aggregate of Natural and Hatchery combined. Although the SAS supports this work, we would recommend the workgroup focus on an updated conservation objective and reference points. The Terms of Reference of the group should be modified to focus on the most immediate items of concern (the conservation objective, the S_{MSY} , and other reference points used in direct management) and implementation of these changes does not occur until the Council reviews and adopts the new management strategy as a full package. The second proposed methodology review topic does not fit into this, and the SAS reiterates their statement on this topic provided in September 2024 ([Agenda Item E.2.a, SAS Report 1](#)).

The SAS also recommends that any review of the OPIH forecasting method should ensure modelers have the flexibility needed to develop the most accurate forecast

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