

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPLANEL REPORT ON
RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK –
RISK TABLES AND OTHER APPROACHES, INFORMATIONAL

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) received an update on salmon risk tables from Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff and Dr. Tim Copeland and on the paper *Methods for Assessing and Responding to Bias and Uncertainty in U.S. West Coast Salmon Abundance Forecasts* from Dr. Will Satterthwaite.

Salmon Risk Tables

The SAS is appreciative of the Ecosystem Workgroup efforts that have gone into exploring the salmon risk tables concept.

The SAS does not see the utility of prioritizing further work on salmon risk tables under the Salmon Fishery Management Plan. The SAS notes salmon stoplight charts already report on ecosystem information and that ecosystem information is taken into consideration during the annual salmon preseason process.

Methods for Assessing and Responding to Bias and Uncertainty in U.S. West Coast Salmon Abundance Forecasts

The SAS thanks Dr. Satterthwaite for providing an overview of the paper. The SAS agrees with the importance of Chinook and coho forecast accuracy and would prefer future efforts focus on improving forecast performance rather than developing approaches to buffer forecasts.

The SAS notes that risk management tools, including buffers, can have meaningful impacts on allowable harvest levels. If in the future the Council considers additional risk management tools for use in the salmon management process, the SAS requests that the Council fully engage the SAS and the public in evaluating and developing those approaches.