

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK –
RISK TABLES, AND OTHER APPROACHES

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) reviewed and discussed the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff report for [Agenda Item G.3., Attachment 1](#), which summarized progress to date on risk tables for salmon management. EWG members were also present when this agenda item was discussed by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) and the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS). The EWG points out that sufficient science is currently available to support [salmon risk tables](#) (e.g., stoplight charts), and is being used in an ad hoc manner, but hasn't been connected to management decisions in a more formal way. Further development of a formal process for evaluating this information while using it in support of salmon management decisions would require the salmon advisory bodies' engagement and capacity and Council prioritization. The current EWG membership does not have expertise in Council salmon management processes but is hopeful that in the future, a risk table approach might add structure to Council evaluations (e.g., organizing the information used to evaluate de minimus fishing opportunities). Despite there being a gap in implementation, the EWG considers its role in the development and review of salmon risk tables as part of Initiative 4 complete, and the next step would be for the Council to look for ways to further develop and integrate risk tables into the salmon FMP process.

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