

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON SACRAMENTO RIVER FALL CHINOOK
FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT –
WORKGROUP REPORT, INITIAL SCOPING

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has discussed Council staff's report on the Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment and timeline and appreciates the substantial amount of thought and planning Council staff has put into outlining next steps and considerations for Council and its Advisory Bodies.

The recent Federal government shutdown and numerous STT vacancies has limited the STT's ability to fully provide recommendations on the future planning, structure, and organization of the FMP amendment process. However, the STT would like to see a peer review process moving forward that allows review of the methods proposed for developing biological reference points by the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup and the ability for consideration of any new methods that have not previously been explored. Given the limited number of individuals involved in Council's assessment and management of SRFC with the requisite expertise, the STT also recommends the peer review panel to include outside expertise with knowledge of salmon assessment and management tools for other Pacific Coast salmon stocks, and/or with specific knowledge of Chinook salmon in the Central Valley system.

The STT supports Council staff's recommendations for STT involvement in the peer review process to provide technical expertise where needed and plans to support the FMP amendment process in whatever way the Council deems appropriate.

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