

REVIEW OF REBUILDING PLANS

Three coho stocks (Strait of Juan de Fuca coho, Queets River coho, and Snohomish River coho) and two Chinook stocks (Sacramento River fall Chinook and Klamath River fall Chinook) were declared overfished in June 2018. Under the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP), a rebuilding plan (plan) is required for each of these stocks. The FMP requires a plan be proposed for Council consideration within one year, and developed and implemented within two years.

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has worked collaboratively with tribal, state, and Federal entities to produce a salmon rebuilding plan for each of the five stocks. Work began in May 2018 and continues to date. In addition to required elements outlined in the FMP, each plan must include required elements, or meet Federal guidelines found in the Magnusson Stevens Act (MSA) and the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA). The documents being developed are considered an ‘integrated’ document in that they contain sections that fulfill multiple Federal requirements, some of which will be completed after the Council adopts the rebuilding plan. Prior to implementation, these plans will go through the Federal notice and comment rule-making process, and require an Environmental Assessment. Council staff and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have been coordinating efforts to streamline the processes.

Because the documents are ‘integrated documents’, the Council and public are advised to concentrate on the sections of the document that focus on the salmon rebuilding plan, which are mainly sections 1-5, and any appendices noted in those sections. Incomplete sections within these integrated documents will be developed at a later date by NMFS, and made available for public comment through the notice-and-comment rulemaking process.

At the November 2018 Council meeting in San Diego, California, the Council reviewed draft versions of the five salmon rebuilding plans. The Council approved the draft plans for Sacramento River fall Chinook and Klamath River fall Chinook for public review, along with some suggested revisions. Updated drafts of these two Chinook rebuilding plans were made available for public comment from January 9 through February 7 on the Council’s website.

The partial government shutdown has effected the progress of all five reports, especially the analytical work needed for the projection models that estimate the time needed to achieve rebuilt status. This interruption has also delayed work on the economic analysis in each plan. Additionally, upon returning to work, Federal staff pertinent to plan development has prioritized tasks related to salmon abundance forecasts and stock status, as this is the immediate priority in preparation for the 2019 salmon preseason planning process.

Council Action:

- 1. Review and Comment on Preliminary Salmon Rebuilding Plans for Five Stocks and Consider Adopting the Preliminary Salmon Rebuilding Plans for Public Review.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Klamath River Fall Chinook (**Electronic Only**).
2. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 2: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Sacramento River Fall Chinook (**Electronic Only**).
3. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 3: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho (**Electronic Only**).
4. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 4: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Queets River Coho (**Electronic Only**).
5. Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 5: Draft Salmon Rebuilding Plan - Snohomish River Coho (**Electronic Only**).
6. Public Comment (**Electronic Only, see [e-portal](#)**).

Agenda Order:

- D.2 Review of Rebuilding Plans Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review and Comment on Preliminary Rebuilding Plans for Sacramento River Fall Chinook, Klamath River Fall Chinook, Queets River Coho, Snohomish River Coho, and Strait of Juan de Fuca Coho and Consider Adopting for Public Review

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