

SOUTHERN OREGON/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COHO  
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSULTATION UPDATE

Consistent with the Stipulated Agreement and Motion to Stay Case reached between the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NMFS provided a proposal, including a draft Terms of Reference (TOR), for a process to develop a harvest control rule for Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho for Council consideration at the April 2020 Council meeting. In response to that proposal, the Council formed the Ad Hoc SONCC Coho Workgroup (Workgroup). The Council adopted the TOR and Timeline (Attachment 1) at the June 2020 meeting that describes the Workgroup's purpose, membership, milestones, and timeline. The Workgroup's primary task is to develop a range of harvest control alternatives for Council consideration from which the Council would adopt a preferred alternative for recommendation to NMFS. The work should be completed within 18 months from the Workgroup's initial meeting, which occurred in June 2020. Under this timeline, a final preferred alternative would be considered at the November 2021 Council meeting.

The Workgroup will first focus on developing a risk assessment to help inform the analysis for potential harvest control rule alternatives. As this work progresses, the Workgroup will meet with pertinent Council Advisory Bodies for input.

If changes to the SONCC coho harvest control rule are adopted for implementation, then an amendment to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) may be needed.

Under this agenda item the Workgroup has provided a progress report (Agenda Item F.3.a, Workgroup Report 1) for the advanced briefing book and plans to provide a supplemental report detailing the analysis performed to date for the risk assessment, and a list of harvest control rules currently under review by the Workgroup.

**Council Action:**

**1. Risk Assessment Update and Development of a Range of Alternatives.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item F.3, Attachment 1: Workgroup Terms of Reference and Timeline.
2. Agenda Item F.3.a, Workgroup Report 1: Progress Report.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

F.3 Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Endangered Species

Act (ESA) Consultation

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Provide further guidance to the Workgroup on development of alternatives, as appropriate.

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