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C1 Cook Inlet Salmon

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Action Required:	Proposed specifications for Cook Inlet Salmon

BACKGROUND

At this meeting, the Council will recommend proposed harvest specifications for the 2027 fishing season for Cook Inlet salmon stocks for purposes of the proposed rulemaking by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). A preliminary SAFE report is posted to provide information to inform proposed rulemaking. This preliminary SAFE report relies upon SSC approved models from 2026 as the best available science to date to inform proposed specifications and includes updated catch information for the 2026 fisheries.

Following the December Council meeting NMFS will update escapement data and models outputs and submit a revised SAFE report for review by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) at the Council's February 2027 meeting. At that meeting, the SSC will provide final recommendations for overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) and the Council will recommend final harvest specifications.