



D2 Salmon FMP Amendment Cook Inlet Salmon Committee Report

April 2019 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Staff: Jim Armstrong

Other Presenters: SSC Only – Gretchen Harrington, Andrew Munro, Curry Cunningham

Action Required: 1. Review committee minutes
2. Review salmon status determination criteria (SSC only)

BACKGROUND

Committee Report

The Cook Inlet Salmon Committee (Committee) was created to assist in identifying measures needed to amend the Salmon FMP to extend federal oversight to salmon fisheries that operate in EEZ waters of Cook Inlet. At its December 2018 meeting, the Council received a [report from the Committee](#), indicating the Committee's objection to draft status determination criteria (SDC) options and overcompensation analyses provided in a [December 2018 staff discussion paper](#). The Council instructed the Committee to meet again ([Council motion](#)), prior to the April 2019 Council meeting, with a focus on developing recommendations for harvest and bycatch recordkeeping and reporting methodologies, as well as SDC options.

The Salmon Committee met again on March 6, 2019 and their [Committee Report](#) includes updated recommendations on harvest and bycatch recordkeeping and reporting methodologies, views on development of an economic and community impact analysis, and concerns regarding delegation of some management measures to the State of Alaska. The Committee Report also describes a discussion by the Committee of a stakeholder proposal on SDC methods. Following the meeting, the staff produced written feedback to better align aspects of it with requirements of the MSA.

A revised Committee proposal on SDCs will be reviewed at the Committee meeting scheduled for April 2, 2019. Other issues expected to be addressed at that meeting include the delegation of management measures to the State of Alaska and time constraints relative to moving to an analytical document in support of Council action. The Committee report from the April 2, 2019 meeting will be provided after the Committee meeting and before the Council takes up this agenda item.

No action is required under this agenda item, however, the Council may wish to provide direction to the Committee as to the timing and focus of its next meeting.

Salmon SDC

The Council directed the SSC, at this April 2019 meeting, to review escapement-based SDC options and overcompensation analyses provided in the discussion paper in section 2.5, and in a separate paper on overcompensation. These issues are to be evaluated by the SSC for consistency with National Standard 1 and the concept of best scientific information available, according to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and results of that evaluation will be reported directly to the Council by the SSC.