

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

C3 Salmon Genetics motion

April 7, 2017

The Council requests that the Salmon Genetics working group be expanded to include members of the SSC. The Council also requests the working group hold a public workshop to facilitate industry feedback on how these reports can be improved to better inform industry bycatch avoidance efforts. The workshop should seek advice on appropriate spatial and temporal resolution, or other analysis from stakeholders.

The Council also directs staff to retrospectively apply the same spatial and temporal strata used to report 2015 stock composition to samples from 2013 and 2014, and earlier years if possible.

The Council also supports the SSCs recommendations for the working group to consider:

- The feasibility and benefits of collection of fin status (i.e. presence/absence) and otoliths in the Gulf of Alaska to help inform hatchery contributions of the total Chinook salmon bycatch,
- Updating the baseline groupings as additional genetic markers or baseline refinements become available.