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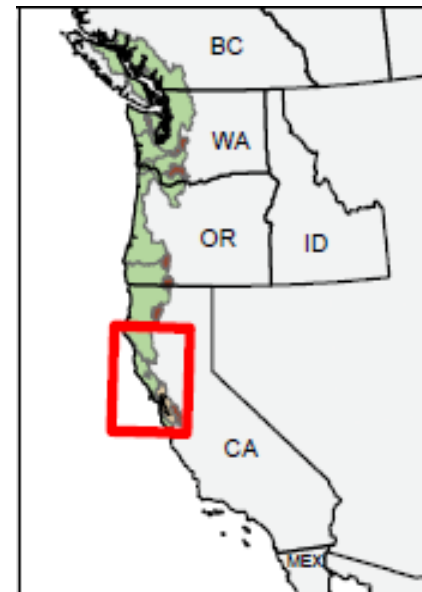
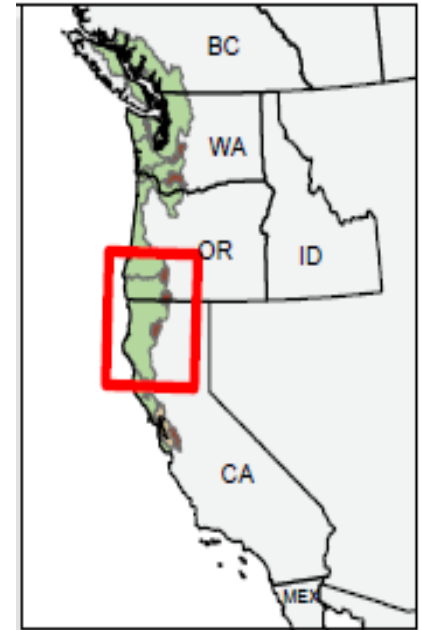
- All Guidance Preliminary; final at March Council Meeting

Indicator Stock	NOAA Guidance will achieve these escapement levels
Sacramento River fall Chinook	122,000 hatchery and natural area adult spawners
Klamath River fall Chinook	30,909 natural area adult spawners

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Stocks

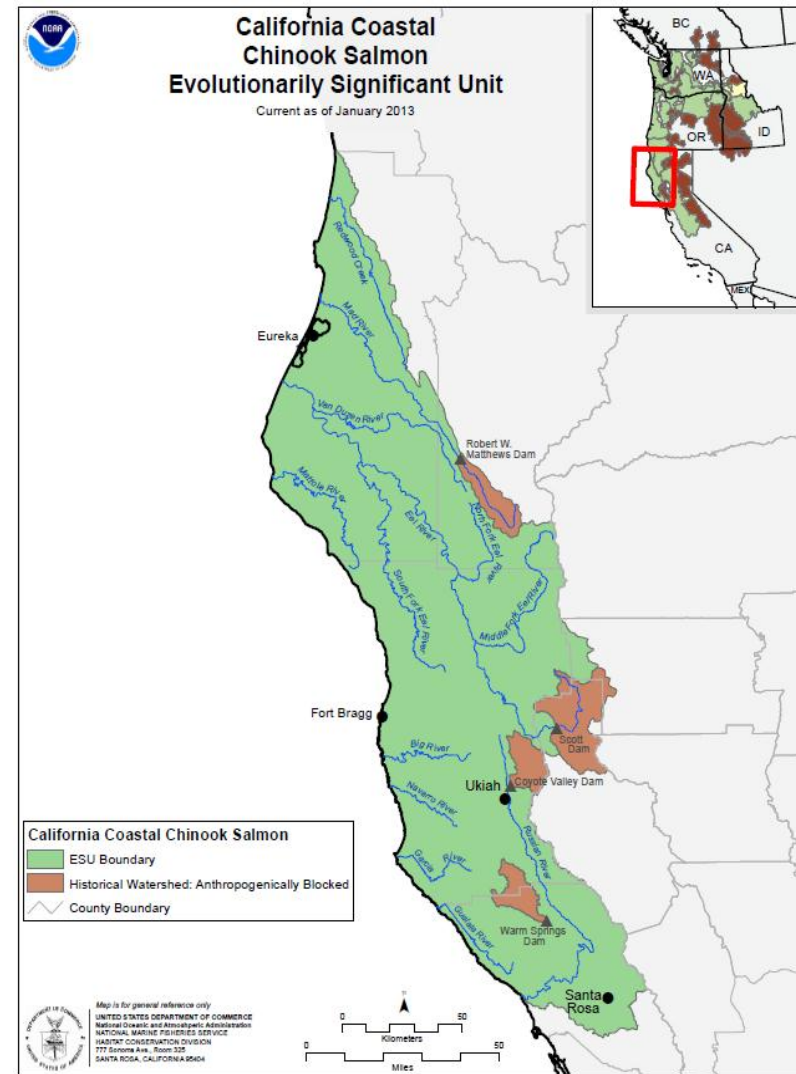
Coho Salmon

- Prohibit coho-directed fisheries off CA;
- Prohibit coho retention in Chinook-directed fisheries off CA
- Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho
 - ESA – Threatened
 - Recovery plan released September 2014 (79 FR 58750) – **Next Steps:** workshops to develop implementation plan
- Central California Coastal Coho
 - ESA – Endangered
 - Final recovery plan released 2012 **Next Steps:** Species in the Spotlight designation with NOAA Fisheries and the CDFW formed a “Priority Action Coho Team” to assemble State and Federal recovery plan priorities and actions



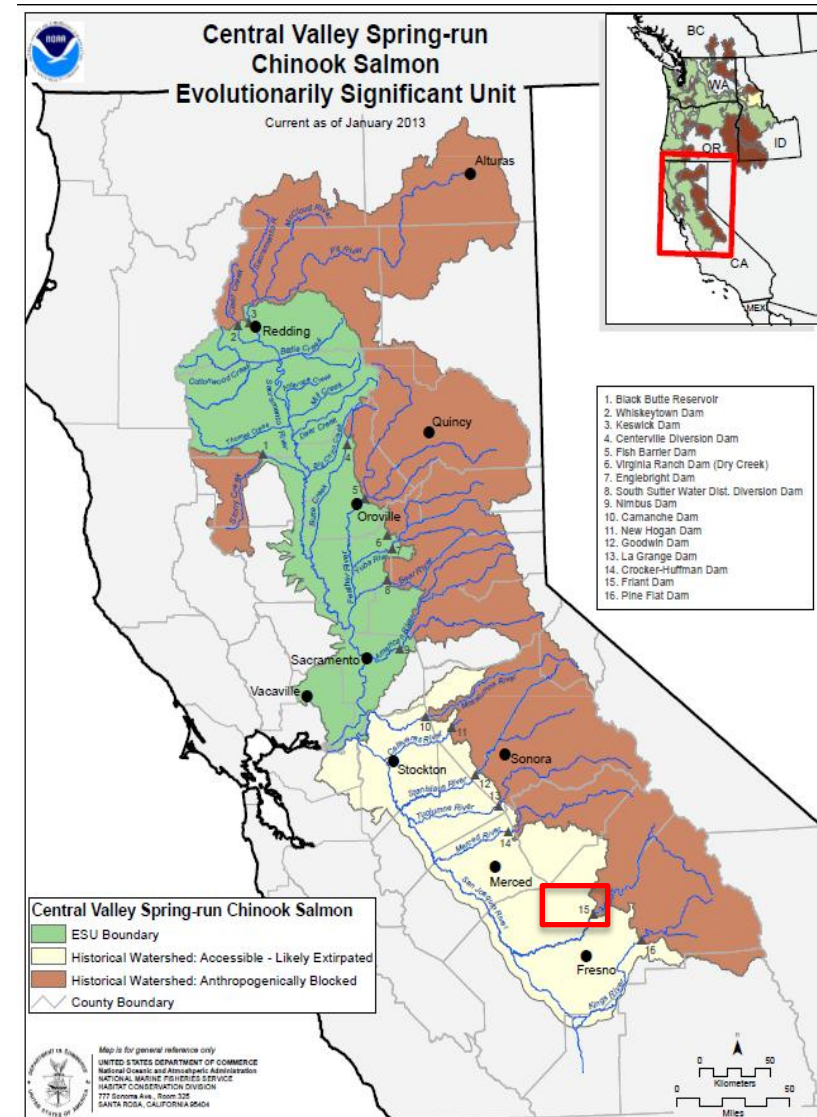
California Coastal Chinook Salmon

- ESA-threatened
- Draft multi-species recovery plan available for public comment through January 2016 (80 FR 75066)
- A maximum Klamath River fall Chinook age-4 ocean harvest rate of 16.0%



Central Valley Spring Chinook Salmon

- ESA-threatened
- Recovery plan adopted July 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Management constraints for other species continue to provide sufficient protection



Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- ESA – Endangered
- Recovery plan adopted July 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Guidance for 2016:
 - Continuation of consultation standards on minimum size limits and seasonal windows
 - Circle hook restrictions while mooching in the recreational fishery between Horse Mountain and Point Conception
 - Impact rate cap for 2016 = **19.9 %***

* : Council took a more conservative approach in 2015

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- NMFS issued a Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on January 23, 2014 (79 FR 3783)
- NMFS will not be reconsidering the control rule prior to 2016 fisheries, other than precaution due to CA drought and recent ocean conditions
- NMFS review and consideration of winter Chinook ocean fishery management is a work in progress and in 2015 the Council decided to form an *ad hoc* SRWC Workgroup to develop and explore possible alternatives

Thank You

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