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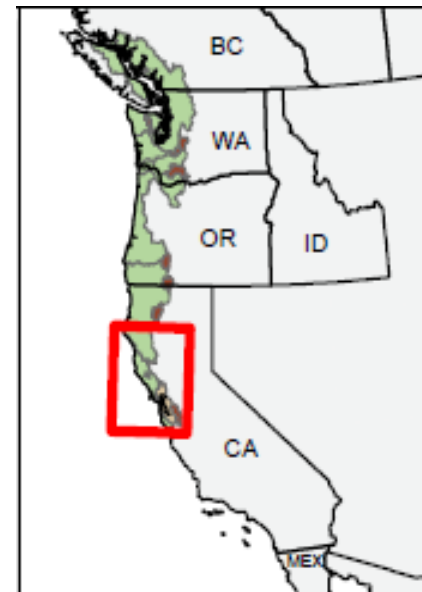
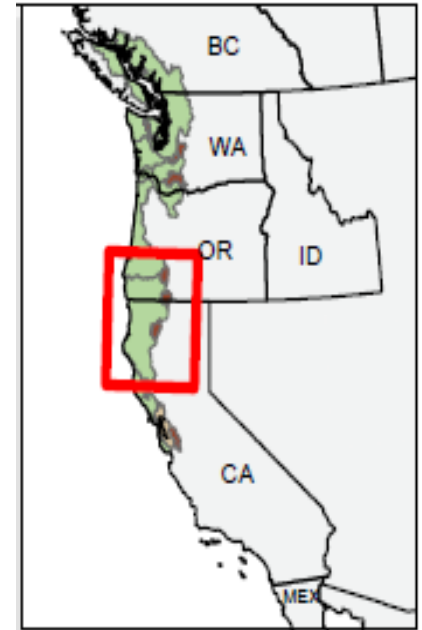
- All Guidance Preliminary; final at March Council Meeting

Indicator Stock	NOAA Guidance
Sacramento River fall Chinook	2017 recommendation is to follow FMP control rules (these will be covered in Dr. Michael O'Farrell's presentation)
Klamath River fall Chinook	

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Stocks

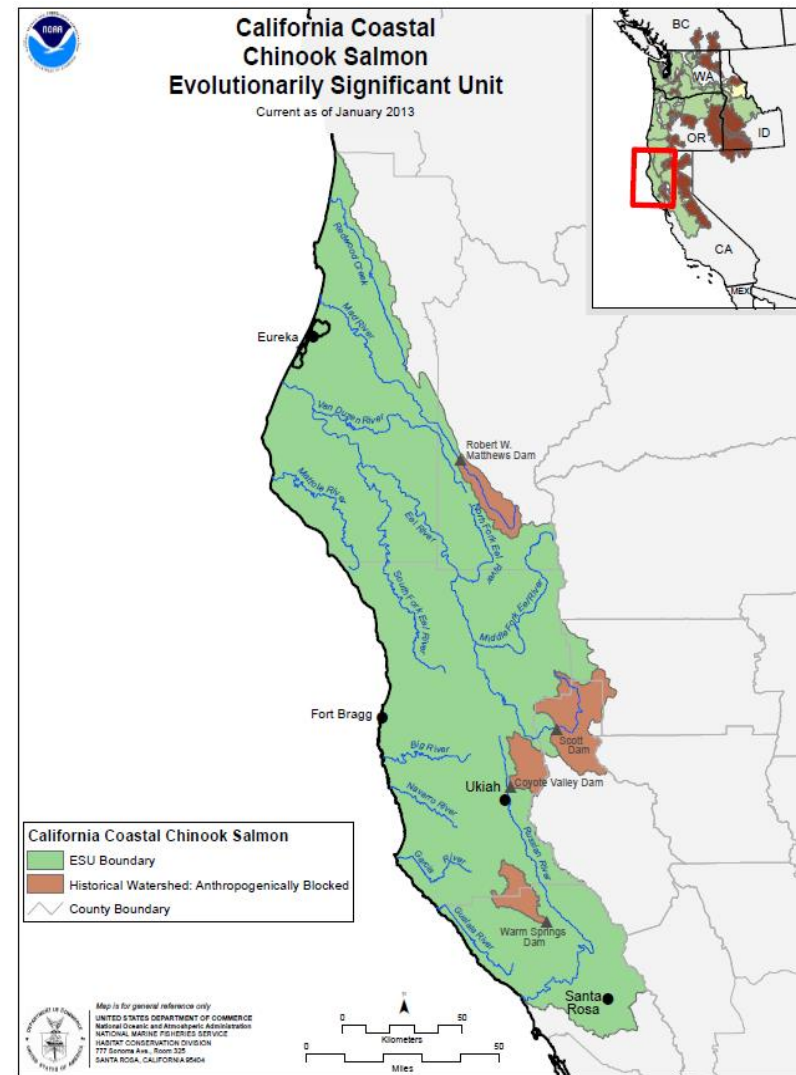
Coho Salmon

- 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) – Current Steps: workshops to develop implementation plan
- Central California Coastal Coho
 - ESA – Endangered
 - Final recovery plan released 2012
 - Current 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



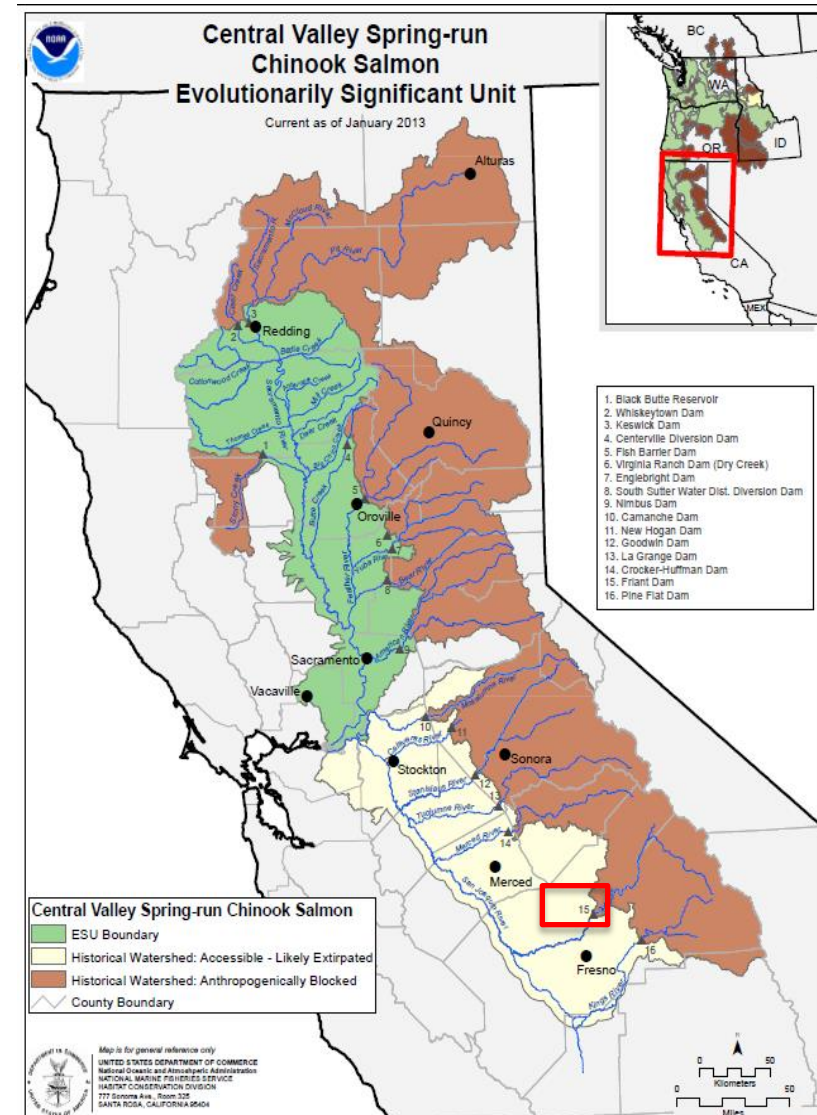
California Coastal Chinook Salmon

- 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)
- Current framework continues to provide sufficient protection



Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- ESA – Endangered
- Recovery plan adopted July 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Guidance for 2017:
 - 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 2017 = **15.8 %***

* : Council took a more conservative approach in 2016

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- NMFS will not be reconsidering the control rule prior to 2017 fisheries, other than recommending precaution due to CA drought and recent ocean conditions
- NMFS review and consideration of winter Chinook fishery management is a work in progress and in 2015 the Council decided to form an *ad hoc* Workgroup to develop and explore possible alternative SRWC control rules
- The next *ad hoc* Workgroup meeting is during the April Council meeting, on April 6th in Sacramento, and these are open to the public

Thank You

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