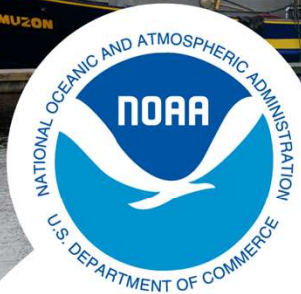




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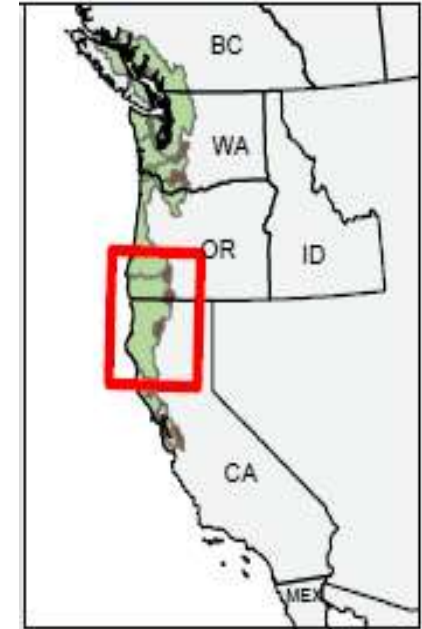
- All Guidance Preliminary; final at March Council Meeting

Indicator Stock	NOAA Guidance
Sacramento River fall Chinook	2018 is still being determined
Klamath River fall Chinook	

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Stocks

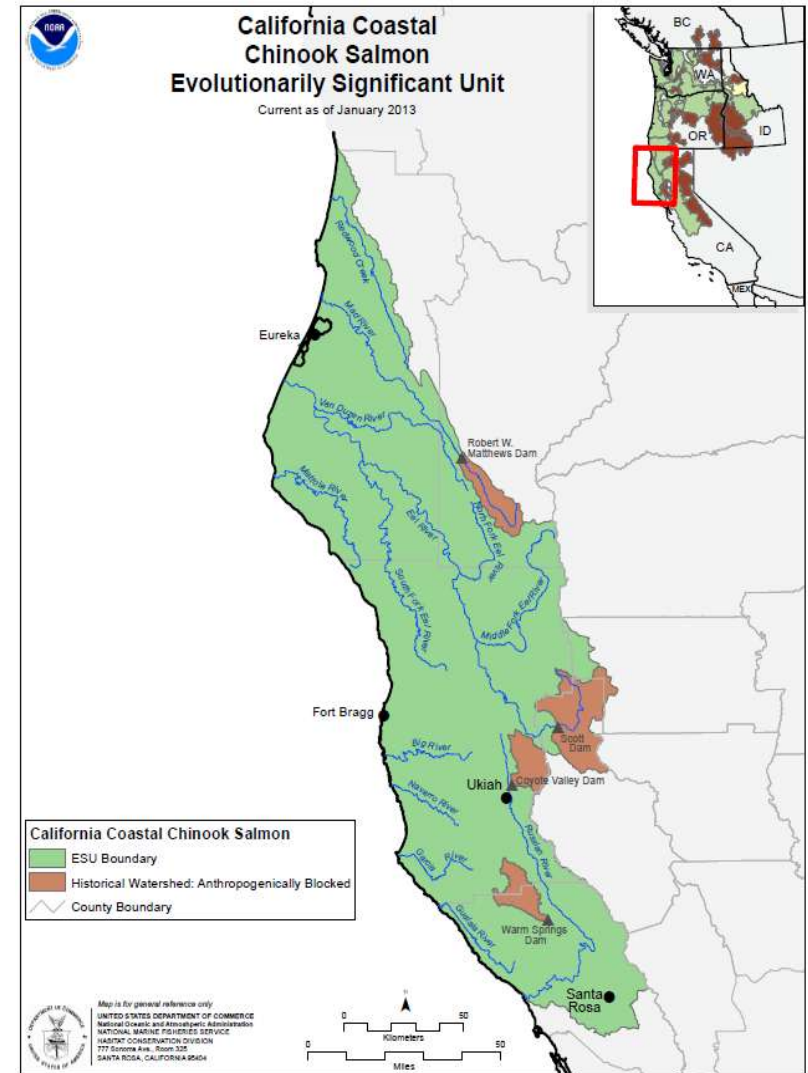
Coho Salmon

- 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



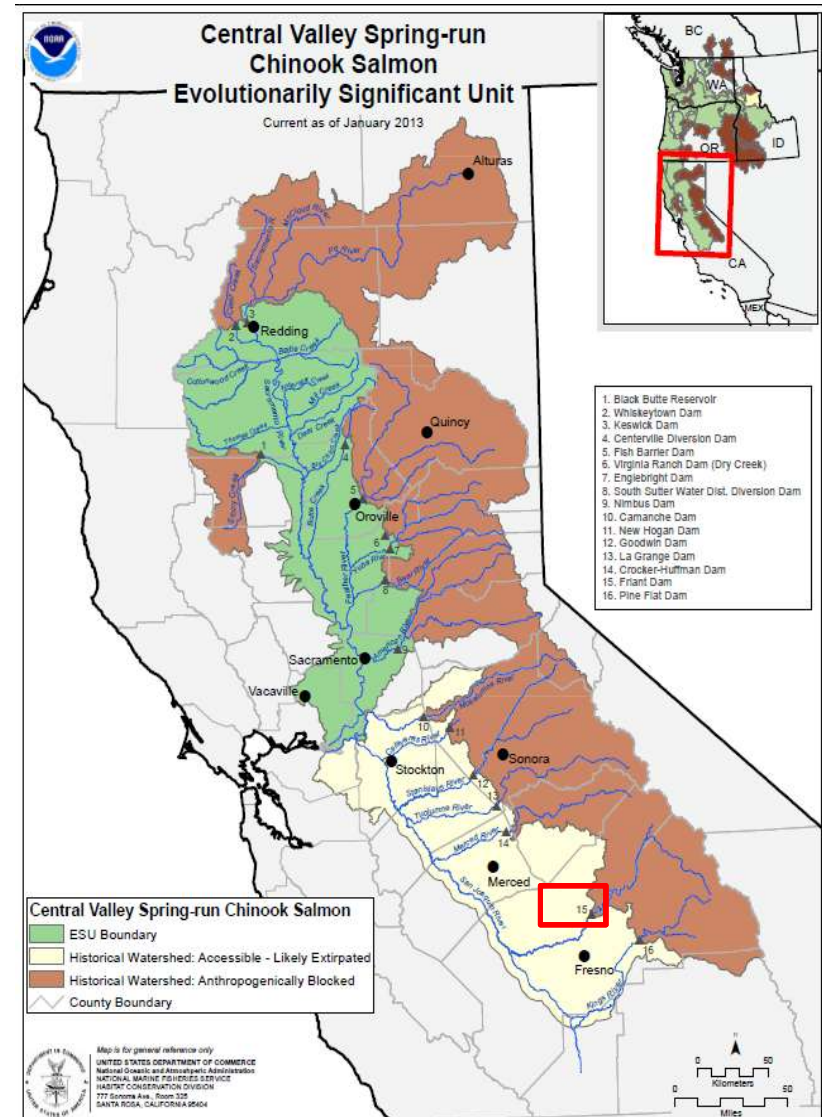
California Coastal Chinook Salmon

- ESA-threatened
- Draft multi-species recovery plan was 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 2018:
 - 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

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- In response to the recent low juvenile survival rates and anticipated reduction in adult returns for those brood years, the PFMC in November 2015 formed the Ad Hoc Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup (SRWCW, Workgroup).
- The SRWCW Workgroup met for public deliberations during 2016 and 2017 to explore possible alternatives for SRWC control rules.
- At the September 2016 PFMC meeting, the Workgroup presented its results, and the PFMC approved a draft range of alternative control rules for analysis.

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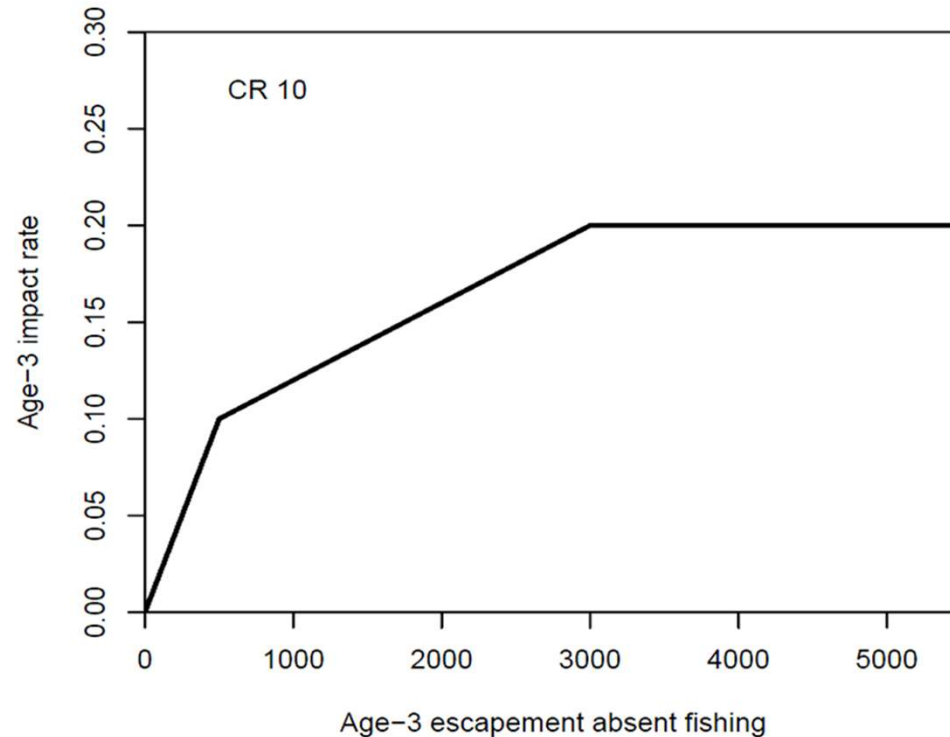
- In November 2017 the Council adopted a revised abundance based harvest control rule based on the work of the Workgroup and public comments, with the recommendation the harvest control rule be reviewed periodically beginning after the fifth year of implementation. The purpose of the review would be to assess performance, and assumptions and expectations described in the Workgroup's (Ad Hoc SRWC Workgroup, 2017) analysis.

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- In December 2017, the Council formally requested that NOAA Fisheries consider this new harvest control rule for use in managing fisheries that affect winter-run Chinook in 2018 and beyond
- NMFS is now working on a new opinion that will apply to fisheries in 2018 and the next several years.

Sacramento River Winter Chinook Salmon

- Here is the new HCR:



- Based on this new rule NMFS preliminary guidance for an allowable impact rate in 2018 is: 14.4%

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