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Coho Forecasts for 2016 Meeting December 15, 2015, 9:00am-3:00pm Lynnwood Convention Center

9:00 AM Welcome/introductions/introductory remarks

1. Why are we here? Policy concerns related to 2016 coho (and Chinook) forecasts.
2. Review of the performance of some recent year Tribal and State coho forecasts.
3. Review of Tribal coho forecast methods.

Round-table discussion of Tribal coho forecasts, including:

- a) Recent forecast methods,
- b) Years of data used for the forecast,
- c) A general assessment of how forecast(s) have performed recently, and
- d) Assessment of the 2015 coho return specifically.

The plan is for Tribal biologists who work on forecasts to participate in this discussion and present a short summary of the above information

4. Size (length and weight) of coho returning in the 2015.

There are anecdotal accounts of coho returning in 2015 being of exceptionally small size. Are there data to support these observations? What are its implications? How might this effect 2016 forecasts?

Lunch Break (lunch provided)

5. Presentation on recent trends in coho salmon survival in the Salish Sea and possible environmental drivers - Casey Ruff.
 6. Presentation on the Salish Sea marine survival project - Mike Crewson.
 7. General discussion of how "risk adverse" coho forecasts might be developed for 2016.
 8. In-season update models using recreational catch data - Jason Schaffler
 9. Concluding thoughts and wrap-up.
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