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## CONTEXT

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[See guidance for examples of additional information to provide in the Context section.]

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### Status

* [Mandatory bullet(s)]

### Trends

* [Mandatory bullet(s)]

### Ecosystem and Climate Change Considerations

* [Mandatory bullet(s)]

### Stock Advice

* [Mandatory bullet(s)]

Other Management Questions [if applicable, otherwise do not include]

* [Other bullets if applicable]

## BASIS FOR ASSESSMENT

### Assessment Details

[Mandatory]

#### Year Assessment Approach was Approved

[Mandatory; year and reference]

#### Assessment Type

[Mandatory; select one of the following: Full Assessment, Interim Year Update, or Harvest Decision Rule (HDR) Update. See the Guidance Document for definitions.]

#### Most Recent Assessment Date

1. Last Full Assessment: [date and reference]
2. Last Interim Year Update: [date and reference]

#### Assessment Approach

1. Broad category: [Select one of the following: Data-poor (e.g., catch-MSY, very limited data, etc.), index-based (trends in empirical indices only), single stock assessment model, model ensemble, MSE (full or MSE-lite), Wild Salmon Policy Integrated Assessment, multiple approaches, other (specify)]
2. Specific category: [Select one or as many as apply: No data, Index-based (fishery-dependent indices only), Index-based (including fishery-dependent and fishery-independent indices), Delay difference, Biomass dynamics, Virtual population analysis, Statistical catch-at-length, Statistical catch-at-age, State-Space, Sequential Population Analysis, Surplus Production, Stock-Recruitment Relationship, Potential Biological Removal, Other (please explain)]

[Optional short summary of stock assessment methodology. Include the method of considering ecosystem variables. Include a reference to a Research Document or other publication, and/or footnote to the working paper. Maximum length 100 words.]

### Stock Structure Assumption

Stock overview information: [reference to a Research Document or other publication, and/or footnote to the working paper]

[Mandatory. Maximum length 150 words.]

### Reference Points

[Mandatory. A table may be used in lieu of bullets for this section. Refer to the Guidance Document for further instructions.]

* Limit Reference Point (LRP):
* Upper Stock Reference (USR):
* Removal Reference (RR):
* Target (TRP):

#### Other Stock Reference Points

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include). A table may be used in lieu of bullets for this section.]

#### Hatchery Reference Points

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include). A table may be used in lieu of bullets for this section.]

#### Habitat or Ecosystem Reference Points

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include). A table may be used in lieu of bullets for this section.]

### Harvest Decision Rule

[Optional (otherwise, do not include). Maximum length 100 words.]

### Enhancement Plan

[Optional (otherwise, do not include). Maximum length 100 words.]

### Habitat Restoration Plan

[Optional (otherwise, do not include). Maximum length 100 words.]

### Data

[Mandatory. Maximum length 300 words.]

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## ASSESSMENT

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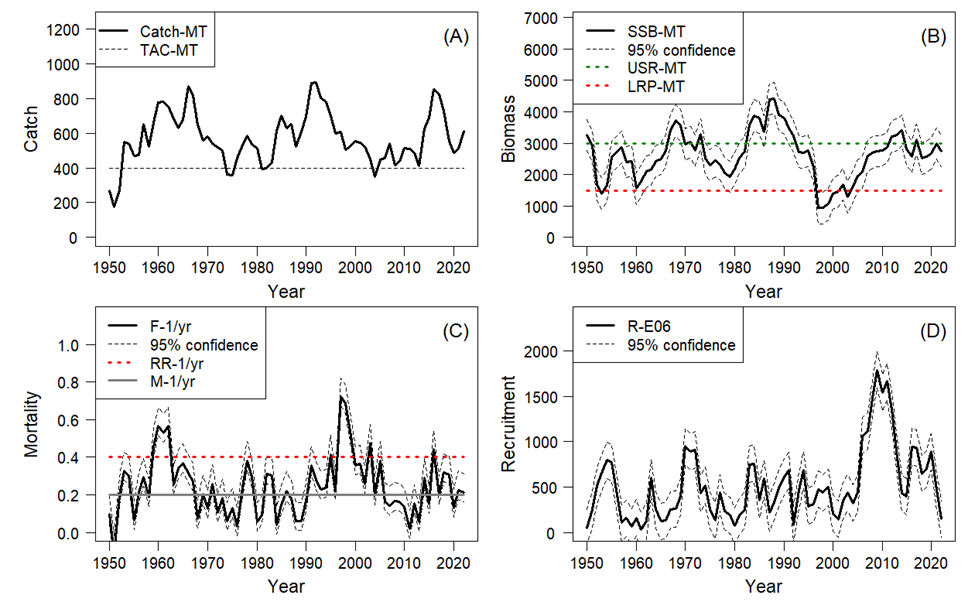


Figure 1. (A) Catch and Total Allowable Catch, (B) Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) in relation to the Limit Reference Point (LRP; X) and (proposed) Upper Stock Reference (USR; X, (C) Fishing Mortality (F; X) on the left in relation to the Removal Reference (RR) and Natural Mortality (M), (D) Recruitment (numbers).

[Optional. Add an additional optional panel of 4 indicators if relevant to developing advice.]

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### Historical and Recent Stock Trajectory and Trends

[Mandatory. Maximum text length one page. Must be first section in Assessment section.]

[Report trends in relevant indicator(s), one per paragraph, in the following format:]

#### **[Indicator 1]** [specify name, e.g., Abundance]:

[Provide values and trends for the stock (as applicable).]

#### Unknown

[Optional. Indicate what indicators are not available for the stock (as applicable); otherwise, do not include.]

### **History of [Management; Landings/Harvest/Effort, TAC & Catch Advice]**

[Mandatory. Title can vary. Maximum text length one page.]

#### **History of Hatchery and Supplementation**

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include).]

#### **History of Freshwater Habitat Impacts**

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include).]

### Projections [optional titles: Simulations, Future Scenarios]

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### **Ecosystem and Climate Change Considerations**

[Mandatory. Maximum 300 words. May be moved earlier in the Assessment section.]

### Harvest Decision Rule Outputs

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include).]

### **Evaluation of Exceptional Circumstances/Assessment Triggers**

[If applicable (otherwise, do not include).]

## BYCATCH

[Optional (otherwise, do not include).]

## **PROCEDURE FOR INTERIM YEAR UPDATES**

[Optional (otherwise, do not include).]

## Other Management Questions

[Optional (otherwise, do not include).]

## SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY

[Mandatory. Maximum length 500 words.]

### Research Recommendations

[Optional (otherwise, do not include).]

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[Mandatory. The list is to include the name of each participant and their affiliation.]

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