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Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Evan Sawyer - NOAA Federal
Cc: Cathy Marcinkevage - NOAA Federal; Barbara Byrne - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: ROC on LTO action area
Attachments: Shelton et al 2018.pdf

Hi Evan

On the one hand, I don't think this distinction ultimately matters to the analysis. It's still really the same env baseline information regardless where you specifically draw the line on the coast, and the perspective of the analysis I'm anticipating is still encompassing a coastwide view of prey available for killer whales and how the action might reduce that.

But, yes, I do think it's misleading to conclude that CV fish don't occur at all north of Cape Falcon just because enough don't occur to be meaningful in the fishery context and for ease of fishery management purposes. If you look at this recent paper (Figure 3), I think it is clear that a small portion of Chinook found near the Columbia River and along the WA coast are CV fish.

Dan

On Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 9:03 AM Evan Sawyer - NOAA Federal <evan.sawyer@noaa.gov> wrote:
Hi Dan,

I'm writing the action area and I wanted to ask you: Do you feel that the action area for reinitiation should (or should not) include the WA coast? Does it matter for our(your) analysis?

Cathy said that you have been through this discussion before during WaterFix, and had made the case to include the coast of Washington? Reclamation only extends the the action area to the OR/WA border but the rationale used to define "Coastal Extent" as Point Conception to Cape Falcon (and not further North) relies on Satterthwaite *et al.* (2013). There are two problems with that because the analysis is limited by 1) the recreational fishing season ~April - October 31, and 2) locations where effort data was available (i.e. they did not examine vessels/ports in Washington). Basically Satterthwaite (2013) was designed to not include the WA coast, so to use the study as justification saying that it shows no CV Chinook north of Cape Falcon misleading at best? Does this matter for your analysis?

Thanks,
Evan Sawyer

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