

Coastal Cutthroat Trout Interagency Committee Overview and Update.

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Coastal Cutthroat Trout (CCT) are a unique and important native salmonid and are one of the four major species of Cutthroat Trout in Western North America. They can be found in coastal waterways from Northern California to South Central Alaska spawning and rearing in freshwater rivers and streams, migrating to lakes and lagoons, and in some locations, to marine environments before completing their life cycle in freshwater. The species is important ecologically and is an important sport fish. The life history and ecology of CCT is highly variable throughout their distributional range and our understanding of the species remains limited relative to other salmon and trout, including our understanding of their status. In 2006, led by PSMFC, a group of agency biologists from across the geographic distribution of CCT representing provincial, state, federal and Tribal agencies created the Coastal Cutthroat Trout Interagency Committee with the goal of "Working to guide the conservation and restoration of Coastal Cutthroat Trout throughout their native range". In this talk, we will trace the history of the Committee, including its' role in coordinating activities for CCT management and conservation, identifying data gaps, gathering documented occurrence data in single framework, and facilitating collaboration.