ROLE OF THE KLAMATH FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (KFMC)

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) is supportive of a process that provides an accessible public forum for developing harvest allocation recommendations regarding Klamath Chinook. The SAS also concurs with the STT’s Supplemental Statement (E.4.c) regarding maintenance of fisheries monitoring and data analyses necessary for management of Klamath Chinook.

While the SAS finds that the harvest allocation discussions that have occurred in the KFMC have been very useful in shaping annual salmon seasons south of Cape Falcon, there is a concern that needed recommendations have often been delayed, and technical data have been inaccessible to the public. Accordingly, the SAS would recommend that the KFMC process be preserved and improved to ensure broader and more timely distribution of information.

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