

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
SALMON FMP AMENDMENT 15 (*DE MINIMIS* FISHERIES)

The Habitat Committee (HC) understands the need to avoid emergency management on the Klamath through Amendment 15. The Council is facing uncomfortable choices in balancing impacts on fishery resources while many habitat management issues in the basin go unaddressed. Despite the hardships, the HC recommends that Council take a precautionary approach in minimizing impacts to the stock so as to assure stock recovery and future fishing opportunities. This approach will strengthen the Council's advocacy for concomitant changes in habitat management practices in the Klamath Basin.

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