SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON GROUNDFISH FMP AMENDMENT 20

Trawl rationalization will have many ripple effects throughout the fishing industry, including the salmon fishery. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has had very little time to review the rationalization documents and is hopeful that the Council can extend the input process as long as possible. We would note that after some lengthy discussion, there is a high interest in the development of community based quotas. The SAS also recommends there should not be an allowance for processor shares. Alaska's crab rationalization is a stark example of what processor shares will do to the fishery. The processors should be more mindful of the difference between their job and ours.

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