

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

Potential Marine Hydrokinetic Research Lease

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has concerns about the permitting process for site selection and leasing for offshore energy facilities. The SAS would strongly suggest that the initial permit application be reviewed by the appropriate Federal and State agencies, at a minimum the National Marine Fisheries Services and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to ensure consistency with other Federal and state programs and to ensure a full review for compliance with existing environmental standards.

Among the SAS concerns are the effects of energy facilities on resident and migratory fish species, electrical current, leakage, the potential impacts to migratory birds, and to marine mammal movement. We are concerned about the lack of research data available about the various platforms, cable integrity, anchoring footprints, electrical, magnetic and static current leakage, and displacement of fisheries.

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

The SAS enthusiastically endorses the Habitat Committee's comments on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The SAS thanks the Habitat Committee for its hard work and willingness to incorporate input from the SAS.

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