

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON Future Council Meeting  
Agenda and Workload Planning

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) received a presentation from Ms. Sondra Ruckwardt on April 8<sup>th</sup> regarding an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the predation of juvenile salmonids by double-crested cormorants in the Columbia River estuary.

The SAS feels that avian predation of salmonids in the Columbia River is an important resource issue and encourages the Council to engage in this current effort regarding double-crested cormorants. Ms. Ruckwardt reported that it is likely that the draft EIS will be made publicly available in August with a 30-day public comment period. The SAS anticipates that the USACE will release the document so that the public comment period includes the Council's September Council meeting so that the Council would have sufficient opportunity to comment. Therefore, the SAS recommends that the Council tentatively schedule an agenda item on this topic for the September 2013 Council meeting.

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