

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA CURRENT
ECOSYSTEM REPORT INCLUDING INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reviewed the State of the California Current Ecosystem Report (CCER) (Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1). The SAS found this report to be very informative in broadening our understanding of "ocean conditions". The SAS feels the CCER has immense value for helping the Pacific Fishery Management Council and other fishery managers more accurately predict survival and recruitment of salmon. The prediction of salmon stock abundance levels is essential to the development of prudent and appropriate management and harvest strategies. The SAS views this report to be an important tool in that effort and is supportive of the continued funding of ecosystem research and reporting.

In addition, while much is known about inland salmon habitats, those marine habitats important to salmon during most of their life cycle have not been a focus for agencies, fishermen or the public. The CCER consolidates ocean habitat research and applicable data into a single source document. The SAS views that as a significant step in focusing attention and discussion on measurable environmental parameters as opposed to a vague reference to "ocean conditions".

The SAS recommends continued funding of this effort

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