

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
RECREATIONAL FISHERIES POLICY UPDATE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met with Ms. Heidi Taylor of the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the draft National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy (Agenda Item C.2.b, Supplemental NMFS Report). Regarding the periodic review of fishery allocations, the SAS recommends that any such review be conducted through the public and transparent process of the Regional Fisheries Management Councils. To that end, the SAS recommends the following changes to the first bullet point on page 2 of the policy:

- 1) **Promote public access to quality fishing opportunities** by supporting consideration of relevant cultural, social, and economic factors in decision-making; encouraging periodic review of fishery allocations through the processes and procedures of the Regional Fishery Management Councils; fostering expanded fishing opportunities based on conservation gains (e.g., improved release survival, restored habitats, easing of regulatory fishery restrictions when conservation goals are achieved); and understanding factors which affect fishing participation and angler satisfaction (e.g., changing and complex regulations, impediments to fishing) and finding mechanisms to address them.

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