

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE  
ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) heard a presentation from Mr. Steve Freese on the National Marine Fisheries Service Electronic Technology Plan (Agenda Item C.2.a, Attachment 2). The SAS supports the development of electronic catch monitoring systems as a means of streamlining the collection and reporting of catch reporting. Such technologies could be particularly useful for inseason management of commercial and recreational quota fisheries.

For commercial fisheries, the SAS recommends further development and expanded implementation of electronic fish tickets. For recreational fisheries, the SAS supports the development and evaluation of electronic catch reporting technologies such as internet and/or smartphone based systems. The SAS feels that such systems should be developed with the goal of minimizing economic burdens to fishermen and small buyers should explore incentives to maximize participation. The SAS is very appreciative of the extensive creel survey efforts for recreational fisheries and is not suggesting that electronic catch reporting systems should replace existing creel sampling.

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