

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2013
OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ANALYSIS

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) reviewed the 2013 Salmon Alternatives developed at the March meeting and has the following comment related to the recreational fishery. The EC cautions against adopting alternatives that increase a minimum size limit during the season. Such regulations often result in confusion amongst anglers and increased enforcement actions. Decreases in minimum size limit requirements within a management area generally do not lead to increased enforcement actions since an angler following the previous size limit is still in compliance. This is not the case with a size limit increase and enforcement will hear claims of confusion from the angling public. These claims will be repeated during a prosecution proceeding, potentially causing issued citations to be dismissed.

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