

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met via teleconference on September 3, 2013 and discussed the status of 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 understands that the EIS is now scheduled for release over the coming winter.

The SAS continues to feel that avian predation of salmonids in the Columbia River is an important resource issue and is concerned that the revised EIS schedule could make it difficult for the Council and its advisory groups to comment. The SAS encourages the Council to send a letter to the USACE requesting that the EIS public comment period include a future Council meeting; preferably the March 2014 meeting when the Council is scheduled to address several salmon issues.

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