

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL ON CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) supports the Habitat Committee (HC) recommendation to submit comments to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NPCC) concerning their Fish and Wildlife Program amendment process. The SAS recommends the Council include consideration of the following points in their comments to the NPCC.

- 1 We support the Independent Scientific Advisory Board's (ISAB's) review emphasis on more and better monitoring. As an example, we point out that despite numerous harvest cuts over past decades little monitoring or data collecting was done to demonstrate whether these cuts actually resulted in increased salmon populations. Action effectiveness monitoring across all Hs is a necessity and by extension we support increased funding for this activity.
- 2 Proliferation of chemicals and contaminants. The SAS supports the recommendations of the ISAB for addressing chemicals and contaminants.
- 3 The ISAB review discusses Hatchery Scientific Review Group recommendations and integrated and segregated hatchery practices. The SAS has additions to the ISAB recommendations for artificial production strategies on supplementation. The document does not discuss tribal supplementation hatcheries and practices. We strongly recommend this omission be addressed.