

## SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The SAS recommends the Council approve the letter to the Secretary of Interior (Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1) regarding the proactive release of supplemental flow to the Klamath River. As you may recall, the Council sent a similar letter last year due to concerns regarding the potential for another fish kill. The Bureau of Reclamation provided additional flow during the 2012 fall chinook migration, which enabled a record run of fall chinook to successfully migrate to their spawning grounds.

We share the concern that factors which contributed to the kill of more than 30,000 adult salmon in the Lower Klamath River during 2002 will be present this year. The Klamath Basin is currently facing dry hydrologic conditions, drier than we faced during 2012, combined with a projected run of fish that is substantially larger than when the fish kill occurred.

Therefore, we recommend the Council request that the Department of Interior take all necessary steps in the coming months to ensure that sufficient water is available to minimize the potential for another fish kill during the 2013 fall chinook migration.

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