

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNCIL FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has the following comments on the draft Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan (Agenda Item H.2.a, Attachment 1):

1. The SAS requests clarification of what would be included in an ecosystem hotsheet for salmon, and how it might be used in the context of annual salmon management. We are concerned that recommendations for management actions may be based on presumed relationships between salmon stock status and environmental variables that have not been adequately established or are highly uncertain.
2. The SAS has not had adequate time to review the list of needed future ecosystem considerations for the Salmon FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN, but several topics in the list have raised some concerns. The SAS would like to reserve the right to provide comments on these at a later date.

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