

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE MEETING AGENDA AND
WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reviewed the Process for Pacific Council Review of Allowable Fishery Impacts to Lower Columbia River Natural (LCN) Coho (Agenda Item J.4.a, Attachment 3). The SAS is in general agreement and looks forward to working the LCN Coho Workgroup (Workgroup).

The SAS feels the Council will appoint well qualified individuals to the Workgroup as was the case with the Tule Chinook Workgroup. However, the SAS would like to reiterate our interest in including Mr. Ray Beamesderfer in the Workgroup for at least part of the process. As a consultant, Mr. Beamesderfer was key in the success of the Columbia River tule Chinook process.

The SAS would like the opportunity to flesh out the schedule and process with the Workgroup at the April Council meeting. The SAS would like to discuss the addition of wild Willamette River coho populations to the LCN coho harvest matrix. Lastly, the SAS want to stress that the process should conclude in November 2014 so that the results can be considered by the National Marine Fisheries Service prior to the 2015 season and prior to any review of the status of the LCN coho Evolutionarily Significant Unit under the Endangered Species Act.