

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PRIORITY ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reviewed priority enforcement issues with members of NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement NOAA General Counsel, recommend enforcement of violations affecting Critical Habitat for Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed salmon stocks should be a high priority.

Consideration of existing state law enforcement as an asset to facilitate adequate presence in the field is important. State resources already strategically located across ESA listed habitat areas provide a ready protection tool for ESA listed fish. This consideration should also be linked to funding available through joint enforcement agreements between NOAA office of law enforcement and the states.

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