

## NONRETENTION MORTALITY IN OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES

Situation: In November, the Council appointed an ad-hoc committee which it directed to develop goals and objectives for a long-term technical assessment of noncatch salmon mortality in Council salmon fisheries, including sources of funding. This process is important for maintaining the Council's ability to utilize the best science in determining hook-and-release mortality and encounter rates in its nonretention salmon fisheries, especially in view of any increased use of selective fisheries for hatchery fish.

The Ad-Hoc Salmon Mortality Committee will meet on Monday (June 21) and review progress toward its objectives. To date, a preliminary review of recent hooking mortality studies was completed under contract to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and is undergoing further review by the chairmen of the Salmon Technical Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee.

**Council Action: Respond to the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Salmon Mortality Committee.**

Reference Materials:

1. Proposed agenda of the Ad-hoc Salmon Nonretention Mortality Committee (ANCILLARY E.).

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