

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
HABITAT ISSUES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel welcomes the opportunity to work with the Habitat Steering Group HSG on identifying significant habitat issues that effect natural production.

We urge the Council and the HSG to track and attempt to influence the following:

1. Highest priority - emergency action letter concerning the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) water operation plan for 2000. This is a significant issue for coastal communities and fisherman. Fish need water and the BOR needs to follow the best available science - The Hardy Recommendation Report concerning minimum stream flows.
2. Superfund site designation in Willamette River/Portland area.
3. The upcoming Western Oregon Habitat Conservation Plan and Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan.

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