

**June 19, 2000**

**To: Council Members  
Pacific Fishery Management Council**

**Fr: Mark Cedergreen  
Chair, Salmon Advisory Panel**

**Re: SAS comments on Marine Reserves**

The SAS position on the concept and development of Marine Reserves is restricted to potential impacts on salmon fishing. From the inception of the committee, our position has been that recreational and commercial salmon fishing should not be banned from any such reserves as may be established to protect non-salmon species. It is our belief that, other than possible enforcement issues, the present regulations promulgated under the Salmon FMP are sufficient to manage salmon. In addition, we also believe that salmon fishing has minimal impact, if any, on the benthic environment and on species other than salmon.

Therefore, the SAS recommends that any proposals advanced beyond this Council meeting do not contain provisions that would further restrict salmon fishing and/or travel to and from salmon grounds.