

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF 2003 OCEAN SALMON MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ANALYSIS

The Council, its Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), the Salmon Technical Team, the Scientific and Statistical Committee, and the states have all expressed the need for a constant fractional coded-wire tag (CWT) marking of hatchery salmon to effectively assess fishery stock composition and the hatchery/natural balance of spawning runs.

For the first time in its history, the Coleman National Fish Hatchery has discontinued its CWT marking program on Central Valley fall chinook, which is going in the wrong direction to achieve that better understanding.

The SAS strongly urges the Council to express the importance of this program and its implications to Council-managed ocean fisheries to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the strongest possible terms.

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