

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL RECOMMENDATIONS ON
COLUMBIA RIVER SPILL

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) supports the continuation of summer spill at current Biological Opinion levels to facilitate and increase juvenile salmon survival in the Snake and Columbia River systems. The SAS recommends the Council submit a letter to that effect as drafted by the Habitat Committee (HC) (Exhibit G.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 2) prior to the decision point later this month.

The SAS also supports the HC Report (Exhibit G.1.a, Supplemental HC Report) in reference to Klamath River flow issues. The SAS notes that juvenile outmigrants affected by the poor water conditions have direct implications in this year's management of Council-area fisheries. We face the second lowest prediction on record of Klamath River age-3 fall chinook, which will impact this year's, and potentially next year's, management cycle.

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