

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) is highly concerned about negative impacts to salmon stocks as a result of the imminent drought of 2005. Not only will this drought have damaging effects on returning adult salmon, but it will also negatively affect juvenile salmonid rearing and out-migration. The effects of any drought negatively affect salmon populations well beyond the year of the drought.

The SAS requests that the Council take whatever action(s) that it can to influence water regulators to manage in-stream flows released from man-made reservoirs in a manner that will most positively affect salmon passage, spawning, and juvenile salmon survival.

Water management in the Klamath River basin commences in April, therefore, the SAS requests that the Council take whatever immediate measures are possible to influence Klamath basin water managers to provide flows that will positively affect adult salmon migration and promote juvenile salmon survival. Council action on this matter is critical, due to the timing of the water management year in this important river basin.

The SAS will forego other habitat comments until the April meeting when they are more defined.

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