

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FEDERAL WATERS PORTION OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL MARINE
SANCTUARY, CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY, AND MONTEREY
BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

On Wednesday morning, March 9th, the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) heard comments from representatives of the Channel Islands, Monterey, and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries (NMS) on their future plans that might affect or require fisheries management decisions.

The SAS supports Cordell Bank's intention to continue to allow salmon trolling in that sanctuary.

Channel Islands NMS plans to extend marine reserves into federal waters, Monterey Bay NMS plans to include the Davidson Seamount in the sanctuary and ban bottom-disturbing activities there, and Cordell Bank NMS plans to prohibit bottom-disturbing activities.

Regarding these plans, the SAS notes that:

1. Any proposed fishing regulations should be reviewed by the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, since they primarily affect groundfish fisheries.
2. The SAS would strongly prefer that any fishing regulations for the sanctuaries be developed by the Council under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, rather than by the Sanctuaries Act.

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