

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) requests the Council consider the following points for developing a range of alternatives for a Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendment:

1. The SAS would not support any alternative that changes the Klamath fall Chinook natural spawner floor to a lower value than 35,000.
2. An alternative to allow management flexibility based on relative stock strength, such as a harvest rate matrix, should be explored.
3. An alternative that ties management flexibility to the cause of stock depletion, such as in-river habitat conditions, ocean environment, estimation error, and fishing effort should also be explored.
4. The SAS requests additional support from California, Oregon, and National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region to assist the Salmon Technical Team in analytical duties associated with the FMP amendment process.

The SAS feels an analysis of alternatives should include an estimate of a minimum harvest rate or catch level that would allow economic survival of salmon fisheries.

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