

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
KLAMATH RIVER FALL CHINOOK (KRFC) STOCK ASSESSMENT AND
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Most members of the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) expressed concerns regarding a number of recommendations in the Klamath stock assessment document, including:

1. Setting a precedent on ending an Overfishing Concern. Having to meet the 35,000 spawner floor, three out of four years plus the requirement that one of those years has to reach (maximum sustainable yield) 40,700 changes historic Council practices.
2. Targeting maximum sustainable yield could unnecessarily restrict fisheries.
3. The impact of restricting fall fisheries, including loss of management flexibility and marketing considerations.

We also recommend that analysis be continued on the September 1st birthday for Klamath River fall Chinook, and to consider if there is a more appropriate birthday, for the credit card fishery.

It should be recognized that in the preseason process, one of the three years in question was targeted below the floor, and regardless of postseason results, management actions in this process were appropriately delegated.