

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
KLAMATH RIVER FALL CHINOOK OVERFISHING CONCERN

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reiterates its statement from the April Council meeting included in Attachment 4.

A majority of the SAS supported the Council proposed alternative for criteria to end the current Overfishing Concern, while a minority supported the Workgroup recommendation. The SAS would be more willing to support harvest restrictions to increase escapement if some of the productivity and mitigation issues were addressed.

The SAS supports recommendations 3 and 5-12 as presented in Attachment 3. Recommendation 5 is important not only for reducing direct impacts on adult spawners, but also incidental impacts from redd disturbance by wading fishermen.

The SAS also requests that coded-wire tag (CWT) information used by California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) for Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC) run reconstruction for the return years 2005-2007 be made available to the SAS immediately, and for future years as it becomes available prior to the March Council meeting.

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