

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
REVIEW OF RATIONALE FOR MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN THE MONTEREY BAY  
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (MBNMS)

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) notes that the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's (MBNMS) proposal for a marine protected area within the sanctuary has strong overtones of stakeholder involvement and is not presented by a neutral facilitator. Their advocate position seems contrary to their designation document directives. We question their actions in making regulations that affect fishing without making changes to their designation document that would give them that authority. We fail to see the correlation between global warming and fishing practices and how a marine protected area could affect it. Furthermore, we see no scientific justification for needing more protections in sanctuary waters than what currently exists.

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