SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGIES PLAN UPDATE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met with Dr. Steve Freese regarding the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region's Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan for West Coast Marine Fisheries (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2) with a particular focus on the implementation of electronic fish tickets for salmon fishery landings.

The SAS recognizes the potential efficiencies that electronic fish tickets could provide to salmon fishery management, particularly the inseason management of quota fisheries. However, the SAS believes that a phased in approach, rather than an immediate implementation would be the most effective way to introduce this emerging technology.

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