## SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE SALMON ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA) CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) received a presentation from Ms. Susan Bishop on the consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act on the take of listed salmonids in the groundfish fishery. The SAS is strongly interested in staying engaged with this issue and appreciates the opportunity to comment on the consultation.

The SAS notes that June through September is a busy time of year for both salmon and groundfish fisheries, making it a challenge for many SAS members to fully participate in meetings during this timeframe. The SAS recommends taking advantage of the April Council meeting in Vancouver, Washington as an opportunity for the SAS to further review the alternatives, to coordinate with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and to provide feedback on the consultation.

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