SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) would like to thank Barry Thom, the West Coast Regional Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Coast and also NMFS staff Jeromy Jording and Rob Jones for their work with members of the SAS and others in the fishing industry on the Mitchell Act tule issue.

As many of you know, Mitchell Act hatchery production is critical to west coast salmon fisheries. The loss of tule production is going to have an impact on salmon fisheries and communities along the west coast. The SAS would hope that if there is a hatchery identified that could increase the tule production, we would trust that NMFS would support such an increase to make up for the loss of production anticipated over the next five years.

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