SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS: HR 23

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has reviewed the draft letter from the Council regarding HR 23 (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 10). The SAS supports the Council's statements and are gravely concerned about the negative effects HR 23 would have on salmon, and the resulting consequences on coastal communities from Morro Bay, California to Cape Falcon, Oregon.

The SAS has also reviewed the letter from the Golden Gate Salmon Association under Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 4. The SAS appreciates the work done by this group and supports their comments as well.

In summary, the SAS feels this bill is counter-productive to all of the time, effort, and funding that has been dedicated to salmon conservation and recovery. HR 23 would have a negative effect the fishing communities along the west coast economically, and on the culturally significant tribal fisheries that rely on salmon.

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