

**SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT 2 ON FINAL INSEASON MANAGEMENT,
INCLUDING SHOREBASED CARRYOVER AND EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT**

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has met with NMFS staff to discuss the voluntary closure of the groundfish exempted fishing permit (EFP) south of 42° North Latitude. The SAS commends the fishermen for their prompt notification of SAS members and their voluntary actions to cease fishing. Having carefully considered the circumstances of this particular event, the SAS supports the resumption of the groundfish EFP south of 42° North Latitude. The SAS has concerns about the handling of the salmon bycatch that resulted from this incident. The SAS expected that the 173 salmon would be sampled at a 100 percent rate. That did not occur. The SAS strongly recommends that protocols be developed to direct a comprehensive sampling of salmon bycatch.

The SAS has also reviewed the proposed expansion of this fishery south of 42° North Latitude. We recommend caution with any further expansion of this fishery until Klamath River and Sacramento Basin salmon stocks recover from record low abundance. Both salmon stocks will be subject to rebuilding criteria in 2019.

When planning future groundfish EFP fisheries in this area the SAS recommends a March check-in to review projected salmon stock abundance.

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