SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON METHODOLOGY REVIEW PRELIMINARY TOPIC SELECTION

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) requests that the following topic be included in the April list of items for potential Salmon Methodology Review:

• Change the salmon management boundary line from latitude 40°05'(Horse Mt.) five miles north to latitude 40°10'.

A boundary change has been proposed numerous times through public comment. The change would affect the salmon fishery off the California coast near the southern boundary of the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ).

In September 2017, the STT reported (Agenda Item F.1.a) to the Council a summary of their initial conclusions regarding any potential effects of the proposed change. The STT stated that such a change would require a methodology review by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), since a change to harvest model methodology appeared to be necessary. In addition, the STT noted that it was unclear what type of policy and regulation changes would be required if such a change was determined technically viable.

The SAS remains in support of continuing the technical work and policy review necessary for Council consideration of this boundary change to latitude 40°10'.

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