

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has discussed the effort of moving Salmon Management Measures through the Council meeting process. The SAS is aware of the difficulty in developing Council meeting agendas that incorporate a very diverse range of topics and that involve numerous advisory bodies. We would note, however, that the analysis of Salmon Management Measures is an ongoing process during the March and April Council meetings and involves both the SAS and the Salmon Technical Team (STT).

The SAS has also noted that on several occasions Council direction on the Salmon Management Measures has come late in the day. That results in the STT working into the night to conduct modeling analysis of the Council directed changes to the Tentative Ocean Salmon Measures and subsequent Council direction. This also results in the SAS having to wait until the next report to the Council by the STT before appropriate modifications can be made to the Salmon Management Measures for the next round of Council direction to the STT.

The SAS believes that the process could be done more efficiently if the STT reports were placed on the agenda at a certain time-point, perhaps following the Council lunch break. That would allow the STT to conduct analytical model runs during the afternoon, and would allow the STT to provide reports the following morning. This would give the SAS time to review the report and make any necessary revisions to the management measures in order to help guide Council direction to the STT for their next report to the Council.

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