

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

The Council authority and responsibility relative to rebuilding and the rebuilding plan are spelled out in the Fishery Management Plan (FMP). It is to direct the Salmon Technical Team (STT) to undertake the formulation on the rebuilding plan, and to include in that rebuilding plan an assessment of the causes and actions necessary to address the causes – whether those causes are the result of fishing or not. It also notes that the existing control rules include “built in” rebuilding features, including de-minimus fishing possibilities in order to recognize the potential impacts on fishing communities. In addition, the FMP also provides for the Habitat Committee to engage in the process, should the STT determine that fresh water issues are a factor contributing to the overfished condition and to the rebuilding actions.

Past experience strongly suggests that fresh water habitat has been a significant contributing factor, therefore we recommend that the Council direct the Habitat Committee to immediately engage in support of the STT’s rebuilding plan development.

The STT makeup includes State, Tribal, and Federal fishery managers, who have the responsibility and expertise to address both in-land and marine fisheries and habitats. The Council’s charge to the STT should be broadly interpreted to allow these agencies (rather than the just specific individuals on the STT) to bring the necessary expertise into the development of the rebuilding plan. We strongly encourage the inclusion of California Department of Fish and Wildlife inland fishery managers as well as those from the NOAA science centers.

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