

## SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) strongly supports changing the term “overfished”, as it is defined in the Salmon Fishery Management Plan, to “depleted” to describe when a salmon stock has not met the conservation objective.

Often times, a well-managed salmon stock has declined and been declared “overfished” due to environmental factors, such as those associated with drought or with the recent “marine heat wave”. Using the term “overfished” falsely gives the public the perception that the salmon fishing industry is responsible for the stock status. This false perception negatively affects markets for wild caught salmon, and the public and political support for the salmon fishing industry.

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