

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
METHODOLOGY REVIEW: FINAL TOPIC SELECTION

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was briefed on this topic at the August 14 webinar by Staff Officer Robin Ehlke and by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) on September 13. The SAS has reviewed the preliminary list of candidate items for the 2019 Salmon Methodology Review and agrees that all the items have merit. The SAS also understands that work must be prioritized in order to prepare for a full review in time for the November 2019 Council meeting.

Consistent with the SAS statement provided at the Council meeting in April 2019 ([Agenda Item F.4.a](#)), Item #3 and Item #4 have the highest priority:

- 3.) Conduct the technical analysis needed to inform a change of the salmon management boundary line from latitude 40° 05' (Horse Mountain, California) five miles north to latitude 40° 10' (assigned to STT).
- 4.) Examine the data and models used to forecast impacts on Columbia River summer Chinook to determine whether a change in methodology is warranted (assigned to MEW).

Item #3 has been proposed numerous times through public comment and supported by the SAS. The change would affect the salmon fishery off the California coast near the southern boundary of the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ).

Item #4 will help ensure that the data inputs and model outputs used to measure impacts on upper Columbia River summer Chinook are as accurate as possible as we prepare for the 2020 preseason planning process

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