

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON REBUILDING PLANS – FINAL ACTION

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 on September 13. The SAS has reviewed the three draft coho Salmon Rebuilding Plans (plans) and supports adoption by the Pacific Fishery Management Council of the three coho plans as final, with the following comments provided below.

For the Strait of Juan de Fuca (JDF), Queets (QR), and Snohomish (SNO) coho plans under ‘Section 4: Recommendations for Action’, the SAS provides the following comments and suggestions.

Section 4.2 - Recommendation 2: Management Strategy Alternatives. This section in all three plans includes a range of alternatives designed to achieve rebuilt status that result in various rebuilding times and economic impact.

SAS supports Alternative 1 (status quo) for all three coho plans (JDF, QR, and SNO) as the final preferred alternative.

Justification: Across all plans the estimated time needed to reach rebuilt status is relatively short, the estimated rebuild times for Alternative I and Alternative II are either the same, or have only a one-year difference. The economic loss to coastal communities is estimated at \$0 for Alternative I, and ranges between \$0.4 and \$4.3 million in Alternative II.

- JDF coho - Alternative I: estimated rebuilding time: 6 years; estimated economic loss \$0.
Alternative II: estimated rebuilding time: 5 years; estimated economic loss \$4.3M.
- QR coho - Alternative I: estimated rebuilding time: 2 years; estimated economic loss \$0.
Alternative II: estimated rebuilding time: 2 years; estimated economic loss \$1.3M.
- SNO coho - Alternative I: estimated rebuilding time: 3 years; estimated economic loss \$0.
Alternative II: estimated rebuilding time: 3 years; estimated economic loss \$0.4M.

The SAS also supports any continued effort to pursue harvest model development for Sacramento River Fall Chinook.