SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF ANNUAL MANAGEMENT CYCLE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was briefed by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff on September 13, and also discussed the topic at the SAS webinar on August 14, 2019. The SAS has reviewed the NMFS report and considered the proposed solution within that report. The SAS supports the NMFS proposal to expand the 'pre-May' concept to include any early May (May 1-15) fisheries.

This proposal would help ensure that fisheries could proceed as planned as long as impacts were available to support them. By setting these fisheries the year prior, impact analysis would have to be done before the fisheries actually occur. This process is already in place for some fisheries planned for March and April, and adding the May 1-15 fisheries to this same process appears reasonable.

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