

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON 2020 PRESEASON MANAGEMENT
SCHEDULE AND SCOPE ANNUAL MANAGEMENT CYCLE AMENDMENT

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was briefed on the 2020 preseason schedule by Salmon Technical Team chair Michael O'Farrell on the annual management cycle by National Marine Fisheries Service staff.

The SAS supports the 2020 draft preseason scheduled as found in Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 1, including the proposed dates and locations of the Council hosted public meetings.

The SAS has reviewed the joint staff report (Agenda Item E.3, Attachment 2) and considered the proposed changes within that report. The SAS supports the 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. The SAS supports initiating this process for additional fisheries as needed with the 2020 preseason process.

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