

SALMON ADVISOR SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSULTION  
UPDATE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) has been tracking the work of the Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Workgroup. The SAS is prepared to provide input and comments as the Workgroup begins to draft recommendation for Council consideration. The SAS has assigned a core group to attend the Workgroup meetings during the summer months when salmon fishing is in full swing.

The SAS has reviewed the Workgroup statement and understands that a low abundance threshold for Chinook in the North of Falcon area is being discussed as a potential recommendation, and that reaching this threshold could trigger management action to limit the take of the SRKW's priority prey (Chinook salmon). The SAS also supports investigating the feasibility of developing an age-based model for Sacramento River fall Chinook. The SAS encourages a full discussion on this and other potential management actions that are based on science and have a strong likelihood of effectiveness. The SAS also recognizes the importance of hatchery production and hatchery release strategies to help increase the abundance of salmon, especially in the area north of Cape Falcon, Oregon.

The SAS suggests that the SRKW Workgroup consider scheduling a meeting with the SAS to discuss potential recommendations once they begin to take shape; perhaps by adding an extra day to the August 2020 Workgroup meeting.

PFMC  
06/10/20