

SALMON ADVISOR SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
AMENDMENT 20: ANNUAL MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE AND BOUNDARY CHANGE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) supports the proposed changes to the Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan(FMP) as described in the Amendment 20 reports.

The SAS has long supported the boundary change which will move the Fort Bragg northern boundary five miles north to the 40.10 line, or what has commonly referred to as the “Helliwell Line”. The SAS does not see any risk in making the change and believes that the change could provide the benefit of reducing safety hazards and improving regulations for enforcement.

The change in the preseason schedule should not have any effect on the salmon fisheries as long as the preseason planning the year prior accounts for fisheries that begin early in the season (April to mid-May) . The SAS understands that the Federal regulatory process is complex, but also acknowledges that the Council process also takes time for thoughtful and informed decisions. The SAS supports the schedule change with the understanding that the time required for the technical analysis and reporting needed to structure the salmon seasons will not be reduced.

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