ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON AMENDMENT 20: MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE AND KLAMATH MANAGEMENT ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGE – FINAL ACTION

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the material associated with Agenda Item H.2, Amendment 20: Management Schedule and Klamath Management Zone Boundary Change – Final Action, and have the following comments:

The EC submitted a statement at the June 2020 meeting in regard to Agenda Item E.3, Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Plan: Amendment 20: Proposed Change to the Preseason Schedule and to the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) Boundary; *The Enforcement Consultants do not have any concerns with the proposed change to modify the defined southern boundary of the KMZ from latitude 40° 05' N. lat (Horse Mountain, California) five miles north to 40° 10' N. lat.*

During the June meeting a third alternative was added, 4.2.3, creating a conservation zone between latitude 40° 05' N. lat (Horse Mountain, California) five miles north to 40° 10' N. lat.

The EC continues to support moving the southern boundary of the KMZ, Alternative 4.2.2, as it provides consistency and simplicity for the fishermen and enforcement. The third alternative, 4.2.3, which creates a conservation zone during years when the de minimis provisions of the Klamath River fall-run Chinook (KRFC) salmon Control Rule are implemented, further adds to the complexity and negates the simplification of regulations benefit of moving the line north to 40° 10' N. lat.

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