SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON AMENDMENT 20: MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE AND KLAMATH MANAGEMENT ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGE

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was briefed by Peggy Mundy from the Nation Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding Amendment 20 to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan at our virtual meeting held on September 8, 2020. The SAS supports changing the annual effective date May 16 (Alternative 4.1.3) and supports amending the schedule to include an annual transmittal deadline that provides 24 days for NMFS to approve and implement the annual management measures (Alternative 4.1.5). The SAS is very mindful of the work necessary by both Council staff and the Salmon Technical Team to prepare the documents necessary to transmit the regulations package to NMFS, and we would urge careful consideration be given to selecting a date that provides as much time as possible for completion of those documents.

The SAS discussed the proposed boundary change at some length and supports modifying the southern Klamath Management Zone boundary to 40° 10' N. lat. (Alternative 4.2.2). The SAS feels that specific management strategies addressing *de minimis* fisheries could be made as needed on an annual basis and that preselecting a more prescriptive alternative would be premature until the effects of the boundary change have been measured.

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