

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON AMENDMENT 20:  
MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE AND KLAMATH MANAGEMENT ZONE  
BOUNDARY CHANGE – FINAL ACTION

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) has had the opportunity to review and contribute to (1) Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 1, the Project Team’s report describing the range of alternatives for Amendment 20 and (2) Agenda Item H.2, Attachment 2, the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) with redlined proposed housekeeping changes.

With regard to Attachment 1, the STT reviewed a draft of the Project Team’s report, which covers the proposed change to the management schedule and the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) boundary.

The STT understands the complexities of the federal rulemaking process and agrees that changing the implementation date will help ensure salmon regulations will be processed in time. The STT has some concern with setting a fixed transmittal date since Preseason Report III must be complete by that date. If a fixed date is set, there may be some years where the STT will not have adequate time to compile and review the report to ensure its accuracy. Generally speaking, the STT would prefer to have eight to ten days after the conclusion of the April Council meeting to complete the report.

The Workgroup report included excerpts from the November 2019 STT report and the economic analysis associated with the potential move of the management line separating the California KMZ and the Fort Bragg management areas. Suggested edits from STT members were incorporated into the report presented here at the September 2020 meeting. The content of this report appears technically sound.

The STT was also provided the opportunity to include suggestions to housekeeping changes to the salmon FMP. That STT input is reflected in Attachment 2 provided for Council consideration at this meeting. STT edits included updates to Chinook and coho stocks (FMP Table 1.1 and 1.2) and conservation objectives (FMP Table 3.1). An additional edit to Table 3.1 was inadvertently left out that the STT would like to include. On page 21 of Attachment 2, the last row of Table 3.1, page 1 describes southern Oregon Chinook. The language describing the conservation objective should only include the first (new) sentence; the remainder is outdated and should be omitted. There are also minor edits to FMP Table 3.3. In addition, in section 6.6.1.3 (~ page 66), geographic descriptions of the tribal fishing areas are included, which are consistent with those described in Table 3 of Preseason Report III.