

**SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN OREGON/NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA COHO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CONSULTATION**

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) appreciates the work of the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) Coho Workgroup and the progress report from Dr. Michael O'Farrell. Although impacts to SONCC coho are largely incidental in ocean fisheries due to the retention prohibition in California and mark-selective fisheries elsewhere, the SAS notes that impacts to these stocks are often a driver of ocean fishery management, particularly in the Klamath Management Zone. The SAS is encouraged by the initial development of technical tools and proposed harvest control rules, but feels that it is too early in the process to begin assessing the alternative harvest policies. The SAS plans to stay engaged and looks forward to providing stakeholder perspectives as the forecasting and risk assessment methods mature and the projected stock recovery and fishery impacts are better understood.

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