SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MARINE PLANNING

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) had considerable discussion about the four options for a Marine Planning Advisory Body as proposed in the "Analysis of Four State Proposal on Marine Planning Workload" (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1). The SAS feels that marine planning issues, particularly the siting and development of offshore wind and wave energy developments is an issue that will require increasing involvement by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) over the next several years. The SAS also feels that the Habitat Committee is already fully involved with both marine and freshwater habitat issues. In order to develop the specialized knowledge necessary and to integrate professional fishing expertise, the SAS recommends that the Council adopt Option C and develop a new Marine Planning Advisory Body. While the SAS appreciates the added cost associated with a new advisory body, we feel that a more narrowly focused effort is necessary to fully engage with these emerging issues.

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