SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) discussed the current composition of Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Advisory Bodies and offers the following comments and recommendations.

The SAS believes that we have the appropriate representation to meet our objectives and duties and we are not recommending any changes to SAS composition for the next term.

SAS members have noticed an increase in private recreational effort targeting albacore tuna, particularly in Oregon and Washington. The SAS does not feel that this growing fishery sector has adequate representation on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and recommends that the Council adopt for public review, a proposal to increase the number of private recreational seats on the HMSAS from one to two, one south of Point Conception and one north. The northern position should have experience with private recreational fishing for albacore tuna.

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