

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT
CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was briefed by Staff Officer, Kerry Griffin, on current issues discussed by the Habitat Committee (HC). The SAS appreciates that the HC monitors habitat issues that impact salmon and agrees with the statements in the Habitat Committee report regarding the state of salmon in Central Valley and the Klamath River. Of particular concern to the SAS, is the 2019 Biological Opinion for Central Valley operations and its apparent detrimental effect on Endangered Species Act-listed salmon stocks.

The SAS also appreciates information from the HC regarding the efforts of Nordic Aquafarms to develop a land based site raising Atlantic Salmon. The SAS is interested in any development of aquaculture on the west coast and supports the Council commenting on the Environmental Impact Report when it becomes available. The SAS does have concerns with the negative environmental effects of aquafarms (i.e. the type of feed used, waste-water management, etc.), and the raising of non-native species. The SAS encourages the HC and the Pacific Council to closely monitor this project and other potential aquafarm projects in the future.

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