

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT -
CLARIFY COUNCIL DIRECTION ON 2022 MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was briefed by the Salmon Technical Team (STT) on the technical aspects of the models used to estimate catch and effort in the salmon fisheries considered during the preseason planning process. It is apparent that there is an overestimate of the tule impacts south of Cape Falcon. The projected catch is unusually high and seems very unlikely since the Oregon troll fleet has undergone a significant change to its fishery regime since 2015.

Although the SAS understands and respects the technical and process issues, the apparent overestimate in catch creates additional restrictions in fisheries where tule impacts occur and will result in a loss of opportunity and economic benefit to commercial and recreational fisheries both north and south of Cape Falcon.

The SAS hopes that it is possible to resolve this issue prior to the conclusion of this 2022 preseason planning process, but no later than November 2022.

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