

**SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
REVIEW OF 2024 FISHERIES AND SUMMARY OF 2025 STOCK FORECAST**

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reviewed the joint report submitted by the Washington and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife (Agenda Item E.2.a, Supplemental WDFW/ODFW Report 1). The SAS heard the concerns raised at the OPITT meeting about the model that are detailed in the supplemental state report. The SAS is appreciative of the work done to investigate these concerns.

The SAS reviewed this statement, along with other recent salmon preseason documents, and discussed observations on the water. They agree with the major concerns in the report, including that PDO and the adult-to-jack ratio are not accurately informing the coho forecast and the never before seen OCN to OPI-H ratio. The SAS also points out the poor forecast performance in 2024. The SAS recommends using the new weighted approach that gives more weight to recent years for 2025, which would improve management performance in the interim, until the methodology can be further reviewed. Using an incorrect forecast could lead to a very low coho quota, which would have severe consequences for fishing and coastal communities.

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