

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT 2 ON PRELIMINARY
PREFERRED MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES FOR 2019-2020 FISHERIES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met with members of the Groundfish Management Team to discuss Ling Cod bycatch in the salmon troll fishery north of 40°10'N Lat. In March, the SAS was informed of a proposed change to increase the monthly landing limit to 900 pounds for the open access Ling Cod fishery, and that proposal is being reviewed by the GMT. That request was based on improved stock abundance. The SAS supports that increase.

In March 2018, the SAS asked the Council to adjust the incidental Ling Cod to salmon bycatch ratio in response to the improved Ling Cod stock abundance. The current ratio is 1 Ling Cod for every 15 salmon. The current trip limit is 10 Ling Cod per trip.

The SAS is proposing the ratio be changed to:

- 1 Ling Cod for every two Chinook, and the monthly landing limit consistent with the open-access rules.

The SAS asks that the Council analyze these proposed bycatch ratios adjustments for inclusion in the 2019-2020 Management Alternatives.

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