

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON  
THE JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT PROGRAM

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) FY19 budget proposal calls for the elimination of funding for state law enforcement through the Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) Program. The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) believes state officer deployment through JEAs has been proven to be the best approach to achieving compliance in federally managed fisheries, and is important to achieving conservation objectives set by Regional Fishery Management Councils. One of the strengths of the program is the community-oriented policing approach that the States employ, which results in accessibility to law enforcement and collaborative problem solving.

Losing or diverting JEA funds will result in less protection at a greater cost to the Federal government, the states, and the communities that rely on sustainable fisheries.

The SAS would request that Council support the states of Washington, Oregon, and California and write a letter to Congress advocating for the protection of future funding for the partner states through a line item in NOAA's budget.

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