

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
MITIGATION MEASURES FOR SALMON_SCOPING

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met with the Groundfish Management Team (GMT), Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff at the March and April 2018 Council meetings to discuss the 2017 salmon incidental take statement. Specifically, the SAS had concerns on the potential of shutting down the non-trawl fisheries if the thresholds and reserve were totally utilized by the whiting and non-whiting trawl fisheries.

The SAS reviewed [Agenda Item H.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report, March 2018](#), [Agenda Item F.5, Attachment 2, April 2018](#), and Agenda Item F.5.a, Supplemental GMT Report, April 2018. There was considerable discussions about what actions would be taken if both the whiting and non-whiting trawl sectors exceeded the Chinook salmon threshold, and how to ensure that the non-trawl fisheries were allowed to continue to operate. The SAS acknowledged at that time that the potential for both sectors exceeding their salmon thresholds plus the reserve is slight; however, we felt that the non-trawl sector should be held harmless should that occur. SAS continues to have the same concern here at the November meeting.

The SAS continues to recommend that if the reserve is accessed, that 500 fish be set aside for non-trawl groundfish bycatch of salmon. This would allow the Council to leave the recreational and fixed gear seasons open and review bycatch in the fisheries post-season to make future adjustments if necessary.

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