

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FISHERY MANGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 16, ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS AND
ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) reiterates its September recommendation that whatever classification alternative selected for pink salmon should allow regulation of pink salmon retention in Council area fisheries, either directly through the Council process or through state management processes.

The SAS recommends that far north migrating spring/summer (FNMSS) Chinook stocks from the Oregon coast be included in a stock complex to facilitate annual catch limit (ACL) specification. Washington coastal FNMSS stocks should be considered for an exception to ACL specification because of management under an international exception.

The SAS would like to see an analysis of fisheries operated under the current Salmon Fishery Management Plan compared to fisheries operated under the Amendment 16 preliminary preferred alternatives to assess season length, expected catch, and economic effects. It is important to have this analysis available as soon as possible to allow the SAS to make informed recommendations for Council final action. We would prefer to have the analysis available at the March 2011 meeting.

PFMC
11/05/10