



May 26, 2020

Notice of the 2020-2021 Assessment Rate for the California Salmon Council

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The Board of Directors of the California Salmon Council (Council) has recommended and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) has approved continuation of the assessment rate levied on commercial salmon fishermen in the state. The rate, which will be in effect during the Council's 2020-2021 fiscal year (April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021), is \$0.05 per pound of salmon landed and sold.

The mission of the Salmon Council is to develop, maintain, and expand domestic and international markets for California King Salmon and salmon products. Funds generated by this assessment are used to conduct activities aimed at achieving this purpose.

The following persons are required to remit Salmon Council assessments to the Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- Any person who is required to be licensed as a fish receiver by Section 8033 of the Fish and Game Code, and who purchases salmon in this state from commercial fishermen. Persons licensed as fish receivers are required to collect the assessment on all salmon purchased from commercial salmon fishermen for remittance to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Any commercial salmon fisherman who sells his or her catch of salmon to any person who is not a licensed fish receiver. Retail sales to the general public are assessable under this category.

The requirements listed above closely follow the existing commercial fish landing tax requirements administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Although the Salmon Council is administered by the Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Fish and Wildlife will collect this assessment by adding \$0.05 to the existing fish landing tax rate.

For more information regarding the California Salmon Council or the payment of assessments, please contact David Goldenberg, Chief Executive Officer of the Council, at (916) 933-7050, or Ben Kardokus with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,

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