

April 2, 2013

**Notice of the 2013-2014 Assessment Rate for the  
California Salmon Council**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

The Board of Directors of the California Salmon Council has recommended and the California Department of Food and Agriculture has approved an increase in the assessment rate levied on commercial salmon fishermen in the state. The new rate, which will be in effect during the Council's 2013-2014 fiscal year (April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014), is \$0.05 per pound of salmon landed and sold. This represents a \$0.03 per pound increase over the assessment rate that has been in place since the inception of the program in 1989.

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 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 of \$0.05, for a combined rate of \$0.10 per pound of the whole weight of each fish (110 percent of dressed weight landed).

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

Sincerely,



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