

Forage Harvest Management: Table 1 Summary of Effects to Atlantic Salmon

Practice Information

This practice applies to all land uses where machine harvested forage crops are grown. It is designed to help the farmer or rancher optimize the economic yield of forage at the desired quality and quantity. In addition, the practice provides the following functions:

1. Promote vigorous plant growth for improved ground cover and protection from erosion
2. Soil improvement provided by healthy vigorous plants that increase soil organic matter, root channels, water holding capacity, earth worms, etc
3. Maintain stand life for the desired time period
4. Maintain desired species composition
5. Use forage plants as a nutrient uptake tool to utilize or reduce excess plant nutrients available in the soil
6. Provide food and cover for wildlife



Network Diagram Effect Number	Life cycle affected:	Effect on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):	Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Measures (CMs):	Effect on EFH (with CMs):
I.5 Decrease in runoff and soil erosion	Eggs & Larvae, Juveniles, Adults, Spawning Adults	No effect	none	No effect
I.6 Increase in the quality of surface waters and aquatic habitat	Eggs & Larvae, Juveniles, Adults, Spawning Adults	No effect	none	No effect
C.4 Increase in fishable and swimmable waters; health and safety issues for humans, domestic and wild animals	Eggs & Larvae, Juveniles, Adults, Spawning Adults	No effect	none	No effect