

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INCIDENTAL CATCH RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS FOR THE SALMON TROLL
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIXED GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) deferred a recommendation on troll salmon bycatch retention to the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS).

The GAP recommends the fixed gear tier fishery north of Point Chehalis be set at two fish plus 110 pounds of halibut per 1,000 pounds of sablefish. The GAP came to this recommendation by looking at how the fleet performed during 2007 and 2008, when two fish plus 100 pounds of halibut per 1,000 pounds of sablefish were allowed. The amount caught at that time was 45,780 pounds in 2007 and 39,729 in 2008. The amount available for 2016 is 49,686 pounds.

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