

FINAL INCIDENTAL LANDING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE
2014-2015 SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The 2014 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for Area 2A allocates 15 percent of the non-Indian commercial halibut allocation to the salmon troll fishery as incidental catch. The primary management objective outlined in the CSP is to harvest the incidental quota during the April through June salmon troll fishery with a secondary objective to harvest any remaining quota from July through the remainder of the salmon troll fishery.

The Council has successfully used landing ratios and a total trip limit to ensure a manageable progression of the fishery in past years. A summary of management information for the incidental halibut fishery since the initial season in 1995 is provided in Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1. The April 1-30, 2014 landing restrictions are no more than one halibut per each four Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 12 halibut may be landed per trip. For the rest of the season, the Council adopted the following options for public review. Final action to implement the limits is scheduled under this agenda item.

Option 1: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each **three** Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than **15** halibut landed per trip.

Option 2: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each **four** Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than **12** halibut landed per trip.

Option 3: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each **five** Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than **10** halibut landed per trip.

The landing restrictions adopted for the start of the season in 2014 would be in effect from April 1-30, 2015 (pre-May 1 fisheries) unless modified by the Council through a recommendation for inseason action at the March 2015 meeting. The Council is scheduled to adopt landing restrictions for the period May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and April 1-30, 2016 for public review at the March 2015 meeting, with final action scheduled for April 2015.

Council Action:

Adopt final landing restrictions for Pacific halibut caught incidentally in the non-Indian salmon troll fishery May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: Summary of Pacific Halibut Incidental Catch Management.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Incidental Catch Recommendations for 2014 and April 2015 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries

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