

INCIDENTAL 2010 CATCH REGULATIONS IN THE
SALMON TROLL FISHERY

Regulations governing the incidental harvest of halibut in the non-Indian commercial troll salmon fishery require the Council to adopt recommended Pacific halibut landing restrictions to allow incidental harvest while assuring the quotas are not exceeded. At the March meeting, the Council adopted the following options for public review:

- Option 1: Status quo – Beginning May 1, license holders may land no more than one halibut per each **two** Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).
- Option 2: Beginning May 1, license holders may land no more than one halibut per each **three** Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with head on).

The primary objective for the annual landing restrictions is to harvest the incidental halibut quota in the May/June salmon troll fishery, and a secondary objective is to harvest any remaining quota during July through the end of the salmon season.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt incidental halibut landing restrictions for implementation by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in the 2010 non-Indian commercial troll salmon fishery.**

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- Agenda Item Overview
- Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- Public Comment
- Council Action:** Adopt Final Annual Incidental Halibut Harvest Restrictions for the Salmon Troll Fishery

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