

## STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL HALIBUT RECOMMENDATIONS

Situation: The proposed rule implementing the Council's changes to the year 2000 halibut catch sharing plan and recreational fishery regulations is contained in Attachment E.1.a. Ms. Yvonne deReynier, National Marine Fisheries Service, will be available to answer any questions the Council may have on implementation of these new regulations which were adopted at the November 1999 meeting.

The primary changes to the regulations for 2000 include (1) an allocation change to meet the agreement among the states, tribes, and federal government contained in a July 1999 District Court stipulation and order (i.e., an additional 25,000 pounds to the tribal allocation), (2) a boundary and complementary allocation change between the Puget Sound and Washington North Coast recreational subareas, (3) use of the inseason management process to open the closed "hotspot" in the Washington South Coast recreational subarea, and (3) management of the inside 30 fathom recreational fishery off Oregon under one quota (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain).

**Council Action: None.**

Reference Materials:

1. Proposed rule and catch sharing plan for Pacific halibut in Area 2A (Attachment E.1.a.).

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