

HALIBUT INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Situation: There are two reports under this agenda item as outlined below.

Status of Implementation of Council Recommendations for 2001 Halibut Fishery

The proposed rule implementing the Council's changes to the 2001 halibut catch sharing plan and recreational fishery regulations has been delayed under the President's general moratorium on publication of new rules. Hopefully, the proposed rule can be published in time to have the new regulations in place by May 1. The proposed changes for 2001 are relatively minor and relate to management intent for harvesting the entire incidental halibut allocation in the May-June salmon troll fishery and adjustments to the Washington South Coast recreational fishery. A public comment on the Washington recreational fishery is included with this exhibit (Exhibit F.1.a, Public Comment).

Results of the International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting

Chair Jim Lone and Executive Director Don McIsaac attended the IPHC Commission meeting in January which set the overall halibut harvest levels for 2001, including that for Area 2A. Chair Lone has submitted a brief summary of the results of the meeting which is contained in Exhibit F.1.b, Meeting Summary.

Council Action: None.

Reference Materials:

1. International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting (Exhibit F.1.b, Meeting Summary).

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