

## SUMMARY OF INCIDENTAL HALIBUT LANDINGS IN THE SALMON TROLL FISHERY

### Background

Beginning with the 1995 season, the Council permitted the retention of incidentally caught Pacific halibut in the ocean salmon troll fishery. Fifteen percent of the non-treaty commercial share was allocated to this fishery. A fisher choosing to retain halibut taken incidentally in the troll fishery was required to forego participation in the directed longline fishery for halibut. The following is a bullet-style description of the main features of the 1995 through 2000 seasons.

### 1995

- Regulations: one halibut per 20 chinook landed. Troll fishery closed north of Cape Falcon.
- 124 licenses issued for incidental fishery.
- 30 boats actually delivered halibut.
- 73 separate deliveries of halibut.
- Boats delivering halibut averaged 2.4 deliveries containing halibut (range = 1 to 7).
- Allocation = 16,068 lbs.; Harvest = 2,125 lbs.
- Average delivery = 29 lbs. (range = 10 to 602 lb.).
- Number of deliveries over 100 lb. = 2; over 50 lb. = 9.

### 1996

- Regulations: one halibut per 15 chinook landed, except one halibut could be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 20 halibut landed per trip. Troll fishery closed north of Cape Falcon.
- 123 licenses issued for incidental fishery.
- 57 boats actually delivered halibut.
- 181 separate deliveries of halibut.
- Boats delivering halibut averaged 3.2 deliveries containing halibut (range = 1 to 14).
- Allocation = 16,068 lbs. Harvest = 9,521 lbs.
- Average delivery = 53 lbs. (range = 10 to 291 lb.).
- Number of deliveries over 100 lb. = 25; over 50 lb. = 63.

### 1997

- Regulations: one halibut per 10 chinook landed, except one halibut could be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 20 halibut landed per trip. Troll fishery open north of Cape Falcon.
- 275 licenses issued for incidental fishery (includes boats fishing off OR, WA and CA).
- 113 boats actually delivered halibut in Oregon.
- 356 separate deliveries of halibut in Oregon.
- Boats delivering halibut into Oregon averaged 3.2 deliveries containing halibut (range = 1 to 10).
- Allocation = 21,535 lbs. Harvest = 17,570 lbs. (14,901 lbs. in Oregon).
- Average delivery in Oregon = 41 lbs. (range = 10 to 333 lb.).
- Number of deliveries over 100 lb. = 31; over 50 lb. = 90.

### 1998

- Regulations: one halibut per 8 chinook landed, except one halibut could be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 25 halibut landed per trip. Troll fishery open north of Cape Falcon.
- 263 licenses issued for incidental fishery (includes boats fishing off OR, WA and CA).
- 105 boats actually delivered halibut in Oregon.
- 349 separate deliveries of halibut in Oregon.
- Boats delivering halibut into Oregon averaged 3.3 deliveries containing halibut (range = 1 to 15).
- Allocation = 25,344 lbs. Harvest = 13,416 lbs. (12,938 lbs. in Oregon).
- Average delivery in Oregon = 37 lbs. (range = 10 to 235 lb.).
- Number of deliveries over 100 lb. = 16; over 50 lb. = 67.

### 1999

- Regulations: one halibut per 5 chinook landed, except one halibut could be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut landed per trip. Troll fishery open north of Cape Falcon.
- 284 licenses issued for incidental fishery (includes boats fishing off OR, WA and CA).
- 65 boats actually delivered halibut in Oregon.
- 120 separate deliveries of halibut in Oregon.
- Boats delivering halibut into Oregon averaged 1.8 deliveries containing halibut (range = 1 to 6).
- Allocation = 23,490 lbs. Harvest = 9,955 lbs. (5,554 lbs. in Oregon).
- Average delivery in Oregon = 46 lbs. (range = 12 to 236 lb.).
- Number of deliveries over 100 lb. = 19; over 50 lb. = 40.

### 2000

- Regulations: one halibut per 3 chinook landed, except one halibut could be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut landed per trip. Troll fishery open north of Cape Falcon.
- 235 licenses issued for incidental fishery (includes boats fishing off OR, WA and CA).
- 72 boats actually delivered halibut in Oregon.
- 223 separate deliveries of halibut in Oregon.
- Boats delivering halibut into Oregon averaged 3.1 deliveries containing halibut (range = 1 to 12).
- Allocation = 24,464 lbs. Harvest = 22,300 lbs. (13,878 lbs. in Oregon).
- Average delivery in Oregon = 62 lbs. (range = 12 to 634 lb.).
- Number of deliveries over 100 lb. = 46; over 50 lb. = 89.