

FROM APRIL 2001 BRIEFING BOOK, EXHIBIT G.1.d, SUPPLEMENTAL WDFW REPORT

WDFW COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2001 MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS
 FOR THE INCIDENTAL HALIBUT CATCH IN THE SABLEFISH FISHERY

	Regulatory Approach	Concerns/Advantages
1	Pounds of halibut per pound of sablefish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It may be difficult to accurately estimate the weight of halibut • Fishers may highgrade to obtain larger halibut • Enforcement will have to be at-sea or dockside
2	Number of halibut per pounds of sablefish (ratio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation has to be based on an assumed average weight of halibut in the commercial fishery • If ratios are set too conservatively, fishers may not be able to take full amount of harvest allowed • Fishers may highgrade to obtain larger halibut • Enforcement will have to be at-sea or dockside
3	Number of halibut per pounds of sablefish plus a cumulative limit for the season (based on the amount of sablefish a vessel can land)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May more equitably distribute the opportunity for all fishers to access the available incidental harvest allowed • Individual cumulative limits must be enforced after the season by auditing fish tickets in the same manner as will likely occur for the directed sablefish fishery (number of halibut are also recorded in the IPHC required logbook) • Fishers may highgrade to obtain larger halibut • Enforcement have to be at-sea or dockside

NOTE: WDFW will have to monitor the fishery inseason to ensure that the overall harvest allocation (47,946 pounds) is not exceeded under any of the regulatory approaches identified above.