

SALMON ADVISORY PANEL COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RECREATIONAL CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS FOR 2002.

In the absence of a functioning Halibut Advisory Subpanel, the SAS was asked to discuss and comment on Halibut proposals for 2002. The SAS met via conference call on Friday, October 26, 2001. 10 of the 16 members of the SAS were on the call. (Ron Lethin, Oregon charterboat representative was not on the call.)

Referring to Exhibit B.1, Attachment 2, November 2001, the SAS has no comment on Proposed Changes 1, 2, or 4. Our comments on Proposed Changes 3 and 5 are as follows:

3) With the understanding that ODF&W will monitor the Oregon landings in this fishery starting May 1, we support the status quo – keep the opening date of May 1st for the Columbia River recreational halibut fishery.

5) We oppose the subdividing of quotas within a management area between the states and/or within the same class of users (i.e., recreational fishers).