

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (WDFW) PROPOSED 2003
INCIDENTAL CATCH REGULATIONS FOR THE SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing options for the 2003 incidental catch regulations for the salmon troll fishery as part of the Salmon Advisory Subpanel Initial Salmon Management Options for 2003 Non-Indian Ocean Fisheries (Exhibit B.5.h.).

These options will include the following:

Option 1a

Restrict incidental halibut landings to one halibut for every three salmon landed, and up to one additional halibut in excess of the 1:3 ratio per landing, not to exceed 35 halibut per landing.

Option 1b

Restrict incidental halibut landings to one halibut for every three salmon landed, and up to one additional halibut in excess of the 1:3 ratio per landing, not to exceed 25 halibut per landing.

Option 2

Designate the "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area, as defined in the Pacific Council Halibut Catch Sharing Plan in the North Coast subarea (WA Marine Area 3), as an area to be avoided for salmon troll fishing to provide protection of yelloweye rockfish (i.e., voluntary closure).

NOTE: Option 2 may be combined with either Option 1a or Option 1b.