

STATUS OF 2003 PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES

Situation: The 2003 Pacific halibut season in the Council management area is winding down. After August 15, 2003, only a few fisheries remain, including incidental halibut catch in the directed longline sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington, recreational fisheries in the Washington south coast, Columbia River, Oregon central coast, and southern Oregon/California areas, and the tribal Ceremonial and Subsistence fishery.

The NMFS Report (Exhibit G.1.a) provides a preliminary report summarizing the harvest in the 2003 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A to date.

Council Task:

1. Receive and discuss information.

Reference Materials:

1. Preliminary Report on the 2003 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A (Exhibit G.1.a, NMFS Report).

Agenda Order:

- a. NMFS Report
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. Council Discussion

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