

Comments of Jim Harp on Proposed Changes to the Halibut Catch Sharing Plan

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to offer a very brief comment on the catch-sharing plan for halibut.

The tribes propose no changes to the catch-sharing plan as it relates to the Treaty Indian allocation of halibut for 2005. That allocation would remain at 35% of the Area 2A TAC, plus the 25,000 lb. Adjustment, as specified in the Stipulation and Order of the U.S. District Court.