

SUMMARY OF PACIFIC HALIBUT INCIDENTAL CATCH MANAGEMENT

Salmon Troll Fishery

The table below provides the number of licenses, allocation, harvest, and landing restrictions for the incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery since the initial season in 1995.

Incidental Halibut Management in Area 2A Salmon Troll Fishery.

| Year | Licenses Issued | | | | | Pounds of Halibut | | | Restriction | |
|------|-----------------|-----|----|-------|-------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| | WA | OR | CA | AK-2A | Total | Allocation | May/June Harvest | Total Harvest | Halibut per Chinook | Trip Limit |
| 1995 | 14 | 104 | 2 | 5 | 125 | 16,068 | 2,125 | 2,125 | 1 per each 20 | None |
| 1996 | 22 | 82 | 5 | 14 | 123 | 16,068 | 9,521 | 9,521 | 1 + 1 per each 15 | 20 |
| 1997 | 59 | 187 | 10 | 19 | 275 | 21,635 | 17,570 | 17,570 | 1 + 1 per each 10 | 20 |
| 1998 | 44 | 188 | 15 | 18 | 265 | 25,344 | 9,123 | 13,124 | 1 + 1 per each 8 | 25 |
| 1999 | 54 | 193 | 12 | 25 | 284 | 23,490 | 9,955 | 9,955 | 1 + 1 per each 5 | 35 |
| 2000 | 49 | 154 | 8 | 24 | 235 | 24,464 | 20,925 | 22,350 | 1 + 1 per each 3 | 35 |
| 2001 | 63 | 232 | 13 | 37 | 347 | 34,046 | - | 34,100 | 1 + 1 per each 3 | 35 |
| 2002 | 60 | 223 | 7 | 41 | 331 | 39,300 | - | 41,000 | 1 + 1 per each 3 | 35 |
| 2003 | 60 | 209 | 10 | 44 | 323 | 39,300 | 23,296 | 41,917 | 1 + 1 per each 3 | 35 |
| 2004 | 74 | 212 | 11 | 47 | 344 | 44,554 | 29,174 | 42,798 | 1 + 1 per each 3 | 35 |
| 2005 | - | - | - | - | - | 39,918 | - | - | - | - |

Commercial Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis

The table below provides the allocation, total harvest, landing restrictions, and season dates for the incidental halibut catch in the fixed-gear sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis since the initial season began in 2001.

Incidental Halibut Management in the Area 2A Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis, Washington.

| Year | Pounds of Halibut | | Restrictions | |
|------|-------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| | Allocation | Total Harvest | Halibut per Sablefish (dressed weight) | Season Dates |
| 2001 | 47,946 | 26,945 | 2+80 lb per 1,000 lb | Aug. 15-Oct. 31 |
| 2002 | 88,389 | 66,599 | 2+150 lb per 1,000 lb | May1-Oct 31 |
| 2003 | 70,000 | 65,325 | 2+150 lb per 1,000 lb | May1-Oct 31 |
| 2004 | 70,000 | 67,837 | 2+100 lb per 1,000 lb | May1-Oct 31 |
| 2005 | 70,000 | - | - | - |

In 2004, thirty individual vessels made a total of 148 landings containing halibut in the directed sablefish fishery. The average amount of sablefish in these landings was 8,549 pounds, and the average amount of halibut was 521 pounds (both dressed, halibut with head on). This represents an average of approximately 60% of the amount of halibut that could have been legally retained under the regulation. Only 17 of the 148 landings contained incidental halibut at 90% or more of the amount allowed by regulation. Final landings for this fishery were 67,837 pounds, or 97% of the quota.

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