

## 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	79	249	12	52	392	39,918	22,393	42,187	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2006	-	-	-	-	-	41,464	-	-	-	-

### 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	May 1-Oct 31
2003	70,000	65,325	2+150 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct 31
2004	70,000	67,837	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct 31
2005	70,000	68,013	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct 23
2006	70,000	-	-	-

Twenty-seven individual vessels made a total of 124 landings containing halibut in the directed sablefish fishery. The average amount of sablefish in these landings was 6,649 lbs. and the average amount of halibut was 623 lbs. (both dressed, halibut with head on). This represents an average of approximately 94% of the amount of halibut that could have been legally retained under the regulation. The overall per-landing average in last year's fishery was only 60% of the incidental halibut allowed. Several landings of halibut appear to have exceeded the allowed ratio to sablefish in the catch, and are currently under investigation. If the overage from these landings is not included in the calculation, the overall average of incidental halibut retention drops to 86% of the amount possible under the regulation

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