

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT
ON PACIFIC HALIBUT MANAGEMENT

Salmon Troll Fishery

For the salmon troll fishery GAP Option 1, the GAP supports status quo, beginning May 1. License holders may land no more than 1 halibut per each 3 Chinook, except 1 halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip. Halibut retained must be no less than 32 inches in total length (with the head on). The GAP supports designating the “C-shaped” area yelloweye rockfish conservation area, as defined in the Pacific Council Halibut Catch Sharing Plan in the North Coast subarea (Washington Marine Area 3 and 4) as an area to be avoided for salmon trolling to provide protection for canary and yelloweye rockfish.

Commercial Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis

The GAP supports status quo, beginning May 1, restrict incidental halibut landings to 100 pounds (dressed weight) for every 1,000 pounds (dressed weight) of sablefish landed and up to 2 additional halibut in excess of the 100 pounds per 1,000-pound ratio per landing. Retention of halibut allowed beginning May 1.

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