

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC
HALIBUT COMMISSION (IPHC) ADOPTION

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) requests that the Council ask the IPHC to review their current assumption of trawl discard mortality, which is presumed to be at a rate of 50 percent. The West Coast Groundfish Observer Program records trawl caught halibut as in good or poor condition. Mortality of trawl caught halibut may be lower and a review of the data base may benefit all the user groups if this is the case.

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