

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT INCIDENTAL CATCH REGULATIONS FOR
THE SALMON TROLL AND FIXED GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERIES

As the Council discusses options related to halibut catch ratios in the salmon troll fishery, the Enforcement Consultants (EC) would suggest that a higher possession limit for halibut caught incidental to salmon fishing could encourage targeting. The EC understands that halibut are not the concern, but rather potential impacts to Canary Rockfish and Yelloweye Rockfish through targeted fishing effort.

The EC would like to point out that there are some challenges associated with enforcing the intent of an incidental harvest strategy.

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