

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL CHANGES TO CATCH
SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS FOR 2009

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) considered proposed changes to the Pacific halibut catch sharing plan and 2009 regulations affecting recreational sectors of the halibut fishery in IPHC area 2A contained in Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 2 and Supplemental ODFW Report 2.

GAP Recommendations:

The GAP supports the requested changes with regard to Washington north and south coast proposals as written in C.1.a, Attachment 2 and C.1.b Supplemental WDFW Report.

The GAP does support the recommendations contained within the Supplemental ODFW Report, Agenda Item C.1.b. While there is some concern with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) on support of the proposal to extend the 40 fathom fishery beyond Cape Falcon to the Columbia River, the port of landing requirement concern by enforcement is understood. It is strongly suggested that this impediment be revisited with CR subarea user groups for consideration of change for 2010.

The GAP is in favor of pursuing the issue contained in ODFW report regarding investigating halibut bycatch in the fixed gear sablefish fisheries titled; Informational Report located on page 2.

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