

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INCIDENTAL CATCH REGULATIONS IN THE SALMON TROLL AND FIXED GEAR
SABLEFISH FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) considered regulations involving incidental halibut harvest of the above fisheries.

After consideration of the overall situation for both the salmon troll and sablefish fisheries, the GAP recommends adopting the following options for analysis and public review:

A. Salmon troll fishery

1. 1 + 1 per each 2 salmon (status quo)
2. 3 + 1 per each 2 salmon

B. Sablefish fishery

1. Zero halibut retention
2. 2 + 17 lb per 1000 lb sablefish

Option 2 of the salmon troll fishery is designed to allow for the fact that the allocation has not been harvested recently due to salmon constraints.

Option 1 of the sablefish fishery is suggested as a possible scenario due to low allocation for 2009. Option 2 is calculated by reducing the 2008 allocation by the 80% reduction for 2009.