

FINAL INCIDENTAL LANDING RESTRICTIONS FOR THE
2014-2015 SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The 2014 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for Area 2A allocates 15 percent of the non-Indian commercial halibut allocation to the salmon troll fishery as incidental catch. The primary management objective outlined in the CSP is to harvest the incidental quota during the April through June salmon troll fishery with a secondary objective to harvest any remaining quota from July through the remainder of the salmon troll fishery.

The Council has successfully used landing ratios and a total trip limit to ensure a manageable progression of the fishery in past years. A summary of management information for the incidental halibut fishery since the initial season in 1995 is provided in Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1. The April 1-30, 2014 landing restrictions are no more than one halibut per each four Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 12 halibut may be landed per trip. For the rest of the season, the Council adopted the following options for public review. Final action to implement the limits is scheduled under this agenda item.

Option 1: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each **three** Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than **15** halibut landed per trip.

Option 2: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each **four** Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than **12** halibut landed per trip.

Option 3: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each **five** Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than **10** halibut landed per trip.

The landing restrictions adopted for the start of the season in 2014 would be in effect from April 1-30, 2015 (pre-May 1 fisheries) unless modified by the Council through a recommendation for inseason action at the March 2015 meeting. The Council is scheduled to adopt landing restrictions for the period May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and April 1-30, 2016 for public review at the March 2015 meeting, with final action scheduled for April 2015.

Council Action:

Adopt final landing restrictions for Pacific halibut caught incidentally in the non-Indian salmon troll fishery May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: Summary of Pacific Halibut Incidental Catch Management.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Incidental Catch Recommendations for 2014 and April 2015 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries

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SUMMARY OF PACIFIC HALIBUT INCIDENTAL CATCH MANAGEMENT

Salmon Troll Fishery

The table below provides the number of licenses, allocation, harvest, and landing restrictions for the incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery since the initial season in 1995.

Incidental Halibut Management in Area 2A Salmon Troll Fishery.

Year	Licenses Issued				Pounds of Halibut		Restriction		Trip Limit
	WA	OR	CA	AK-2A	Total	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Chinook	
1995	14	104	2	5	125	16,068	2,125	1 per each 20	None
1996	22	82	5	14	123	16,068	9,521	1 + 1 per each 15	20
1997	59	187	10	19	275	21,635	17,570	1 + 1 per each 10	20
1998	44	188	15	18	265	25,344	13,124	1 + 1 per each 8	25
1999	54	193	12	25	284	23,490	9,955	1 + 1 per each 5	35
2000	49	154	8	24	235	24,464	22,350	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2001	63	232	13	37	347	34,046	34,100	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2002	60	223	7	41	331	39,300	41,000	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2003	60	209	10	44	323	39,300	41,917	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2004	74	212	11	47	344	44,554	42,798	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2005	79	249	12	52	392	39,918	42,187	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2006	54	138	6	26	224	41,464	34,354	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2007	62	188	17	25	292	43,667 ^{a/}	24,126	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2008	55	60	4	16	135	37,707	16,685	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2009	65	49	4	14	132	29,362	11,310	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2010	79	125	7	22	233	25,035	28,627	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2011	77	182	26	31	316	28,126	26,172	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2012	76	172	35	28	311	30,568	35,300	1 + 1 per each 4	20
2013	90	190	24	29	333	30,600	30,000	1 + 1 per each 3	15 ^{b/}
2014	-	-	-	-	-	29,671	-	c/	-

a/ 40,227 preseason allocation plus 3,440 transferred inseason from directed halibut fishery.

b/ The trip limit was changed on August 1 to no more than 5 halibut per trip.

c/ The April 1-30, 2014 limits are no more than one halibut per four Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 12 halibut may be landed per trip

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FINAL INCIDENTAL LANDING
RESTRICTIONS FOR 2014-2015 SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The Enforcement Consultants Committee (EC) has reviewed the situation summary for Agenda Item G.1 and offers the following comments.

Regarding incidental landing restrictions for the 2014-2015 salmon troll fishery, the EC supports Option 2, no more than one Pacific halibut per each four Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 12 halibut landed per trip.

Option 2 is consistent with the current April 1-30, 2014 incidental landing restrictions, so the EC feels Option 2 would help reduce confusion for trollers and enforcement.

The EC also reiterates our recommendation in our statement at the March 2014 Council meeting on this topic. Specifically, the EC again recommends Federal regulations specify state landing receipts in this fishery must include the number and species of individual salmon and number of individual Pacific halibut landed.

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SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL INCIDENTAL LANDING
RESTRICTIONS FOR 2014-2015 SALMON TROLL FISHERY

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) recommends the following alternative for final adoption:

- Alternative II: May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and April 1-30, 2015, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each four Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 12 halibut landed per trip.

Incidental Pacific halibut catch regulations in the commercial salmon troll fishery may be modified by inseason action.

Additionally, to improve the accounting of landings, the SAS recommends that both pounds and numbers of Pacific halibut be reported on State fish tickets.

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