

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON COUNCIL DIRECTION ON SCOPING OF
PACIFIC HALIBUT CATCH SHARING PLAN ALLOCATION CHANGES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met via webinar on June 17, 2016 and discussed proposed allocation changes under the Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) (Agenda Item E.1). Ms. Kelly Ames summarized the issue and reviewed historic catches and allocations. The SAS also reviewed the most recent reallocation effective in 2015 and discussed the status of current catch sampling and reporting. The SAS did not reach consensus on the allocation proposals.

A majority of the SAS were opposed to considering revisions to the allocations in the current CSP at this time. The 2015 reallocation to the California recreational fishery came at a cost to other sectors and many on the SAS felt that it was too early to consider revisions until more is understood about the current management regime and the status of the stock.

A minority of the SAS were in favor of considering revisions to the allocations in the CSP noting that the California allocation is small, the fishery is essentially a single sector, and that the current allocation prevents full access to a harvestable resource.

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